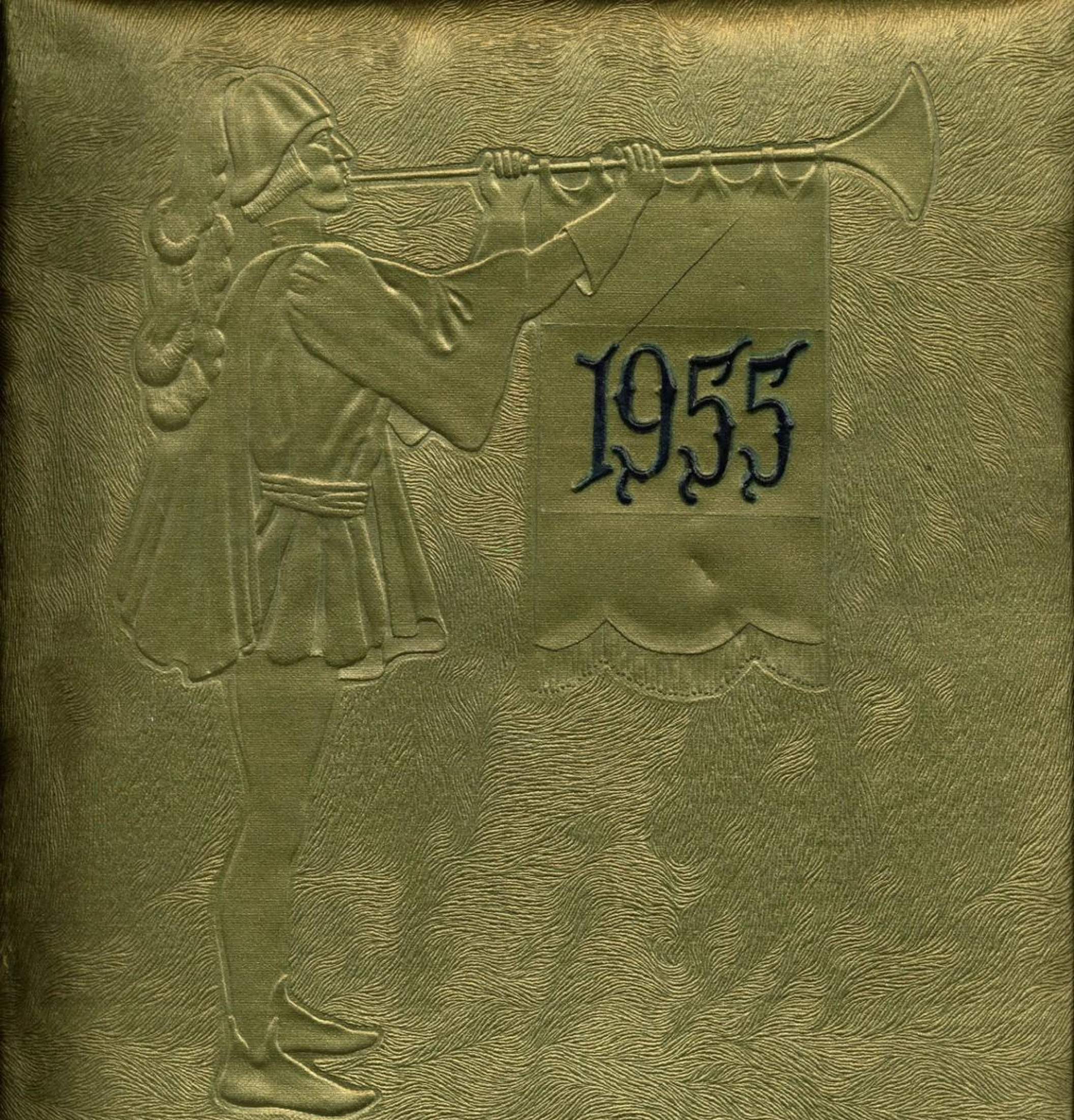

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VAQUERO

THE 1955 "VAQUERO"

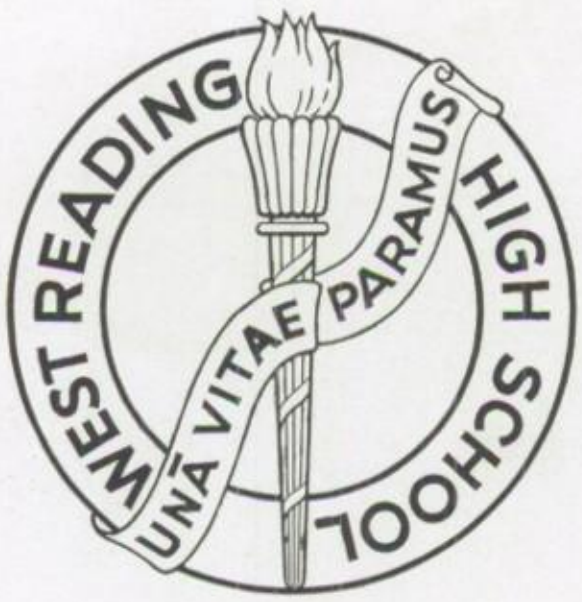
....Presents....

"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"

Alma Mater

Our Maroon and Steel
May always feel
We're with you to a man
Maroon and Steel
The hub of the wheel
We'll do for you all we can
Maroon and Steel
Our memories will
Drift back to you o'er and o'er
Our Alma Mater dear
West Reading need not fear
We'll be with you forever more.

Colors: Maroon and Steel. *Motto:* Una Vitae Paramus.



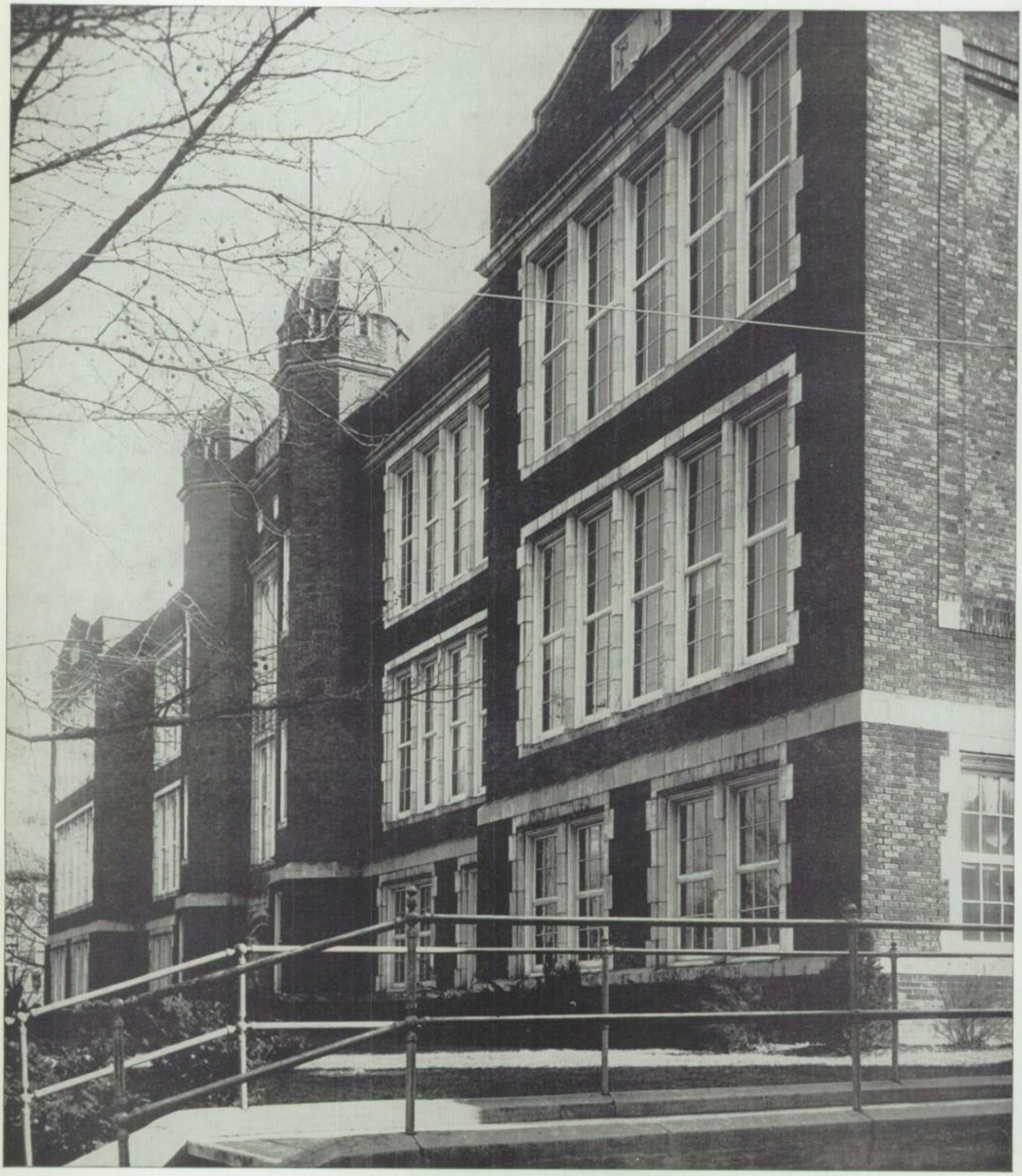
West Reading High School

WEST READING, PENNSYLVANIA

KAY TROUT "56"

"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"

The VAQUERO Staff has served their purpose by publishing a complete record of the school year 1954-55. This book will grow in value as the years roll by, and we hope you will find enjoyment in occasionally glancing over it. We would like to thank Mrs. Margaret D. Brunner whose idea it was to use this theme.



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LEFT TO RIGHT—S. Clemmer, P. Shindle, F. Mirenna, E. Gentile, J. Cuifici, D. Bryson, D. Wells.

Foreword

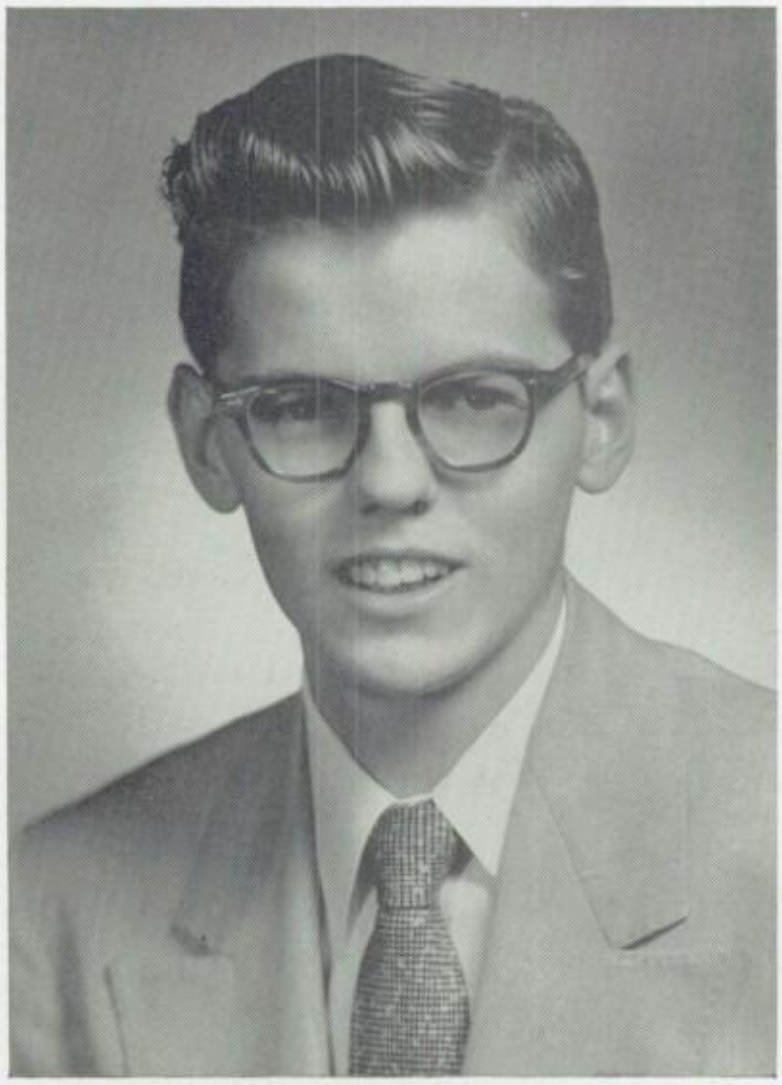
As we close the curtain on another school year, it is evident that our theme of Shakespeare's "All the World's a Stage", more than speaks for itself. Each heading reminds us and also shares with us memorable years in high school.

It is true that Shakespeare is noted for being the world's finest writer, but as you read on you will find that we have tried our best to make this book a distinguished work of literature and one that will stand out and be remembered. Our staff has worked hard and is deserving of all the credit that is due for making this record of events for everyone's pleasure and admiration.

The curtain rises for the 1955 VAQUERO.

THE 1955 VAQUERO STAFF.

Dedication



RAY W. KULAGA

As we look back at the close of another school year, we recall many fond and pleasant incidents. Perhaps that is why the unpleasant is so tragic. On November 16, 1954, we learned of the untimely death of a fellow classmate.

For years to come, we shall always remember Ray as a person who always had a friendly smile and a considerate word for everyone. His cooperative manner and warm personality is greatly missed by both faculty and fellow students.

We like to think that somehow he knows that this book is dedicated to his memory and we would like to say "although you've left us, Ray, we'll never forget you."

The 1955 *Vaquero Staff.*

SHIRLEY CLEMMER
'56

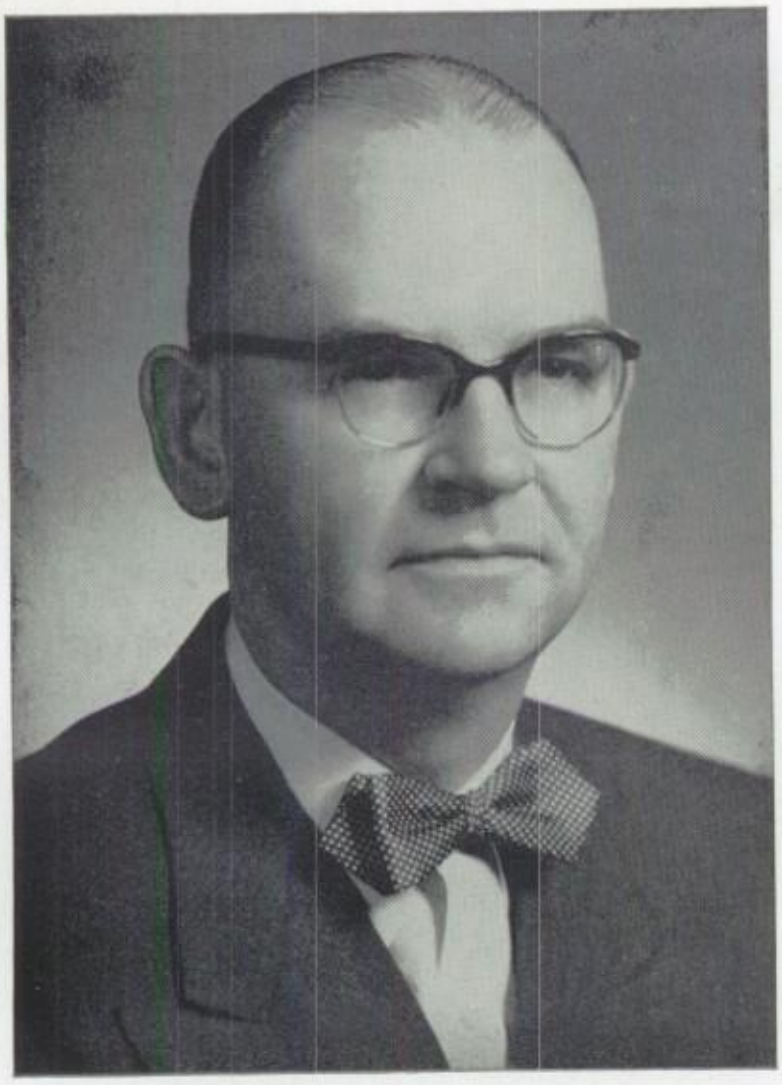
THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

Our faculty, who had their share of "taming" to do, is certainly one to be commended. Although we seldom give them the credit they deserve, I'm sure we'll all agree that another group such as this would be hard to find.

School Board

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): R. Hettinger, G. Schlegel, H. Parsons, F. MacGavin.
SECOND ROW—R. Miller, E. Matten, R. Rosenkrance, W. Brunner.

The West Reading High School is very fortunate in having on the school board such capable and understanding members, who are always ready to put forth every effort in the school's interest. We are all proud of the members and happy to be under their guidance.



Mr. Robert A. Rosenkrance
SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

Congratulations and thanks to the Vaquero Staff of 1955. Your yearbook will take its rightful place among the historical documents of West Reading High School and your greatest reward will be the assurance that you have made a contribution to the pleasure of your classmates that will increase in intensity as the passing years make the days of youth seem even sweeter than they actually were.

The Shakespearean theme which you have chosen is a theme that never grows old, because the writings of that genius so truly and accurately portray the actions, the thoughts, and even the emotions and feelings of people, that they have as great an appeal to us as they did to those who read them over two centuries ago. Who can fail to appreciate "the whining schoolboy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school"?

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." Come to think of it, your school career is quite similar to a good Shakespearean play. Prologue — Kindergarten Joys. Act I — Elementary School Struggles. Act II — Junior High School Thrills and Spills. Act III — Senior High Romances and Achievements. Denouement — Graduation and Farewell. And the sincerity and enthusiasm with which you play your part in each Act and Scene determine the amount of real satisfaction and pleasure you get, and make the play either a beautiful drama or a tragedy. But "the play's the thing", so let's get on with it. Turn the page and lose yourself in happy memories.

I can't resist closing with one last "quote" found several times in Hamlet — "Exeunt Rosencrantz and Guildenstern."

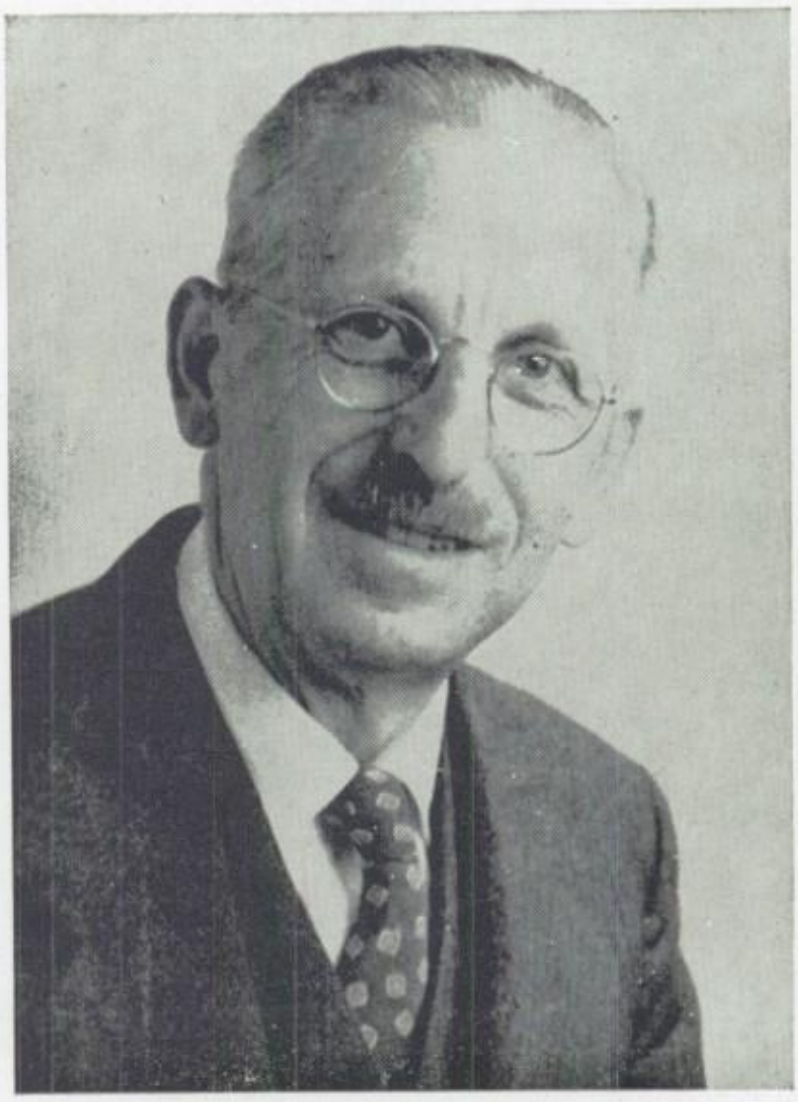
Robert A. Rosenkrance
SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

Christopher Morley wrote: "There is a gorgeous hypocrisy in the universal lip-service to Shakespeare; we are safe in praising him because we know that few mature minds really read him." These lines may appear to be caustic and belittling to the students whose efforts are directed toward serious study of the great bard. Yet, perhaps, herein lies the challenge of the theme you selected for this publication.

No one can deny the value of the quest for knowledge, the never-ending struggle for self-improvement through educational endeavor. If Shakespeare and educational maturity are synonymous, as Morley implies, then you can take this theme, which symbolizes your high school career, as a goal for years to come. To constantly strive through life for seemingly unattainable goals inevitably leads to progress, both intellectual and material. The tough assignments, the difficult tasks pay the richest rewards. This is why I sincerely hope you play your part on life's stage to the fullness of your capacity, and that the applause and approval of mankind and the Creator-Director will greet your performance.

Mr. Yeich, in whose behalf this is written, joins me in wishing you a renewed spirit of inspiration each time you scan these pages to reflect pleasant memories.

Arthur B. Himmelberger
ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



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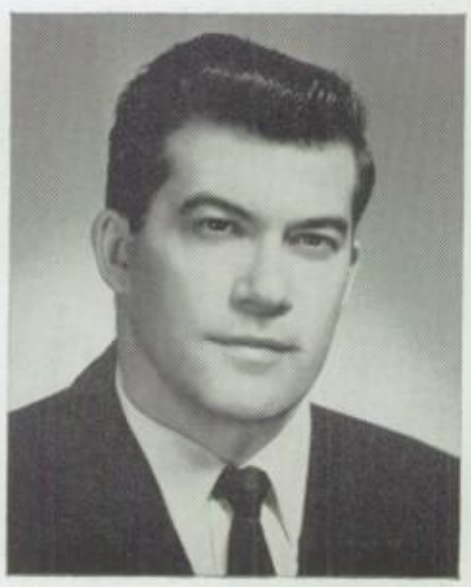

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

"All's Well That Ends Well" fits the Senior Class of 1955 to a "T." Although they've had their share of ups and downs, we agree that they have turned out to be real troopers.

Senior Class Officers

LEFT TO RIGHT—Janice Cuifici, *Secretary;* Jack Long, *Vice President;* Kenneth Messner, *President;* James Rogers, *Treasurer.*

Class Colors: Blue and Gold.
Class Flower: White Rose.
Class Motto: Weak we entered; strong we leave.
Class Poem:

"HORIZONS"

Across that river deep and wide,
So dark, so far, the other side.
I crossed o'er there the world to see,
I thought no more than this would be.
For this was all my life I'd known,
'Cause winds from far, here ne'er had blown.

But as youth's shallow sight doth leave,
A man's mind then, thoughts can perceive,
That stream becomes a bubbling brook,
In life, joy's found in every nook.
Those clouds are lifted, light arrives,
And then I'm glad we're all alive.

by Kenneth H. Messner.

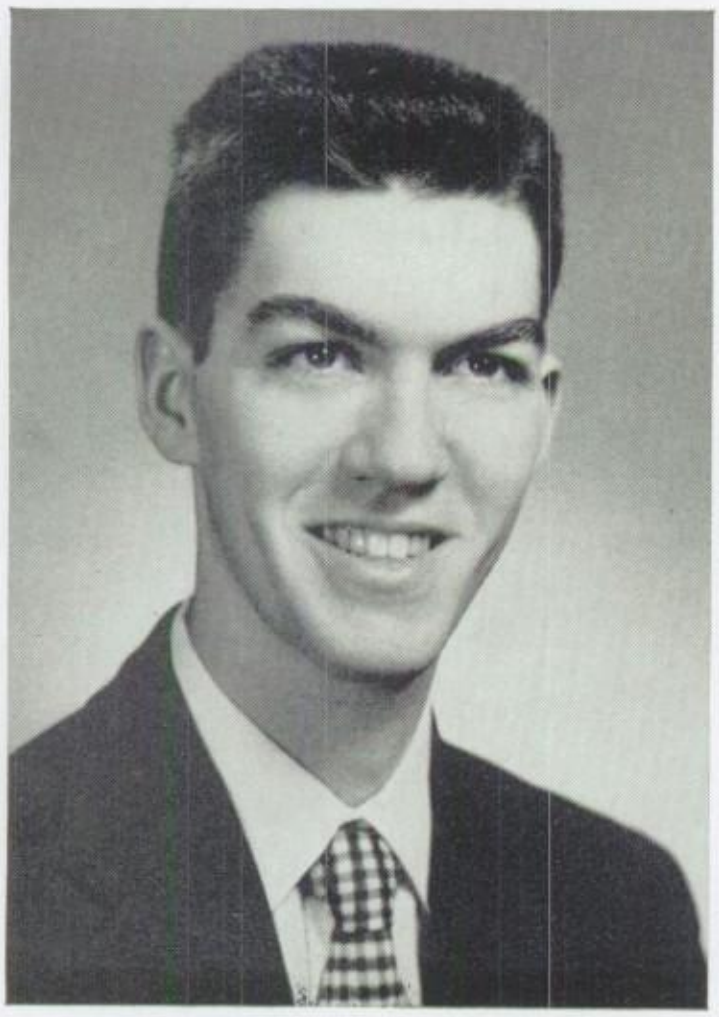
Ellen Ruth Achenbach

"El" General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Manny's birdie . . . swell kids at W.R.H.S. . . . class of '55 . . . graduation . . . dances . . . games . . . the gang . . . our jewel bookkeeping classes . . . tenth grade Christmas party . . . the trips we never went on . . . our small gym classes . . . our long lost classmates . . . refreshment stands at basketball games . . . the time at the Shillington game . . . manager of girls' basketball team . . . the many times with Miss Cilley . . . Mr. Himmelberger and his long talks . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her quiet ways . . . those jokes . . . willingness to help . . . shapely fingernails . . . how she tried to play volleyball . . . one of Mr. Naylor's bankers . . . her troubles with "Claudie" . . . the way she could giggle.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 4; Banking 4; Dramatics 2, 3; Jr. Art 1; Library 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3; Basketball Manager 2, 3.



John Edmund Berk

"Eddie" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—All the good times . . . my buddies . . . my many girl troubles . . . those cool parties . . . playing in George Brown's band . . . the High School Band, Orchestra, and Dance Band . . . Mr. Barthold . . . Ray . . . the click . . . my job at the Food Fair . . . Miss Dix . . . always borrowing my dad's car . . . Dorsey's first and last time . . . summers at the playground . . . the great class of "55".

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The sax player . . . lover boy . . . always ready to help the class . . . his tall stature . . . how he enjoyed Consumer Ec. class (?) *. . . many notes to Elaine . . . his Dorothy Dix, Julie.*

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Class Officer, Purchasing Agent 4; Hi-Y 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Stage Craft, President 4; Dance Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Activity Committee 2; Beg. Ensemble 1, 2.

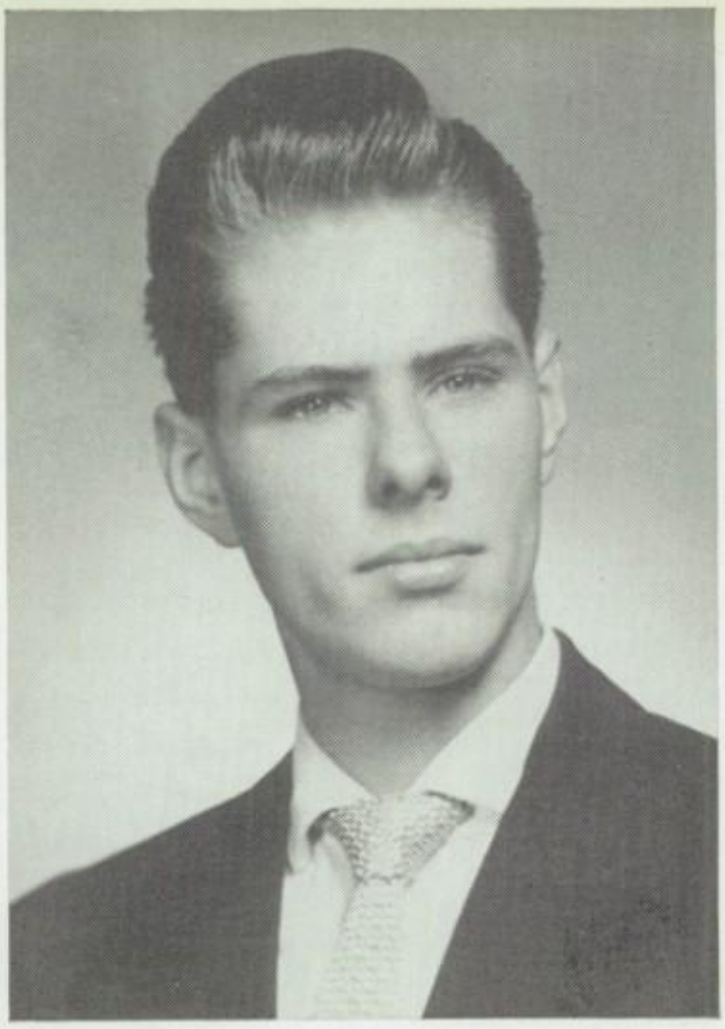
Claudette Catherine Brown

"Claudie" General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The day I came to West Reading . . . that certain gang . . . disecting worms in biology . . . spring vacations . . . all the crazy things Sue and I did . . . Horseback riding . . . those long walks . . . Hessie . . . the time I tried to drive . . . Susie and Joel Arnold . . . Art classes . . . that large gym class . . . our games . . . those trips we never took . . . Mr. Manwiller's bird . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Faithfully writing letters to her servicemen . . . Susie's sidekick . . . love for Secretarial Practice (?) *. . . that long blonde hair . . . her dry sense of humor . . . friendliness to all . . . the day she came to West Reading . . . Muhlenberg, her second home . . . the long walks over the bridge, which she took frequently.*

ACTIVITIES—Banking 4; Fancy Work Club 2, 3; Figurine Painting 3.



George Daniel Brown, Jr.

"Brownie" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The teachers who tried to teach me but couldn't . . . the unwholesome sophomores . . . Miss Gantz . . . Mr. Barthold and all my musical activities . . . Elaine and Business Math . . . the 3 B's . . . leading the orchestra . . . Joe's . . . those week-end trips to the country . . . Muhlenberg . . . the Thursday night visits to Kresge's . . . the waitresses . . . Queenie . . . that girl from Pottstown . . . that remark — "take a gander" . . . graduation . . . my classmates.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Georgie Porgie" in grade school . . . his terrific orchestra . . . talent unlimited . . . love for Muhlenberg . . . future Stan Kenton . . . his way with the teachers . . . his Mother Goose jokes in Mr. Bilger's class . . . always with Mr. Barthold . . . his talent for trapping rabbits on school days . . . his love for the great outdoors.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Camera 1; Cooking 1; Debating 1, 2; Dramatics 1; Health Committee 1, 2, Chairman 1; Hi-Y 1, 2; Hospitality Committee 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Science 1; Student Council 1; Track 1, 2; Dance Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dolores Ann Bryson

"Dorsey" General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our many parties (especially that one New Year's Eve) . . . our slumber parties . . . Minervas . . . Penn State . . . cheering for the games . . . the gang . . . "unwholesome Sophs" . . . Friday nights and coke time . . . the peroxide kids . . . the two accidents . . . many classes with Mr. Koch . . . hockey and basketball . . . noontime sessions at Janice's . . . the college guys . . . Dee, Lee, and Bea and Betterton . . . the so called click . . . Florida boys . . . all the neat kids at W.R.H.S. . . . last but not least, our class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her crazy outbursts . . . how she could giggle . . . her large record collection . . . sensational parties . . . member of the B-Teena Fashion Board . . . her love for good times with the gang . . . good sport . . . the sophisticated air she could acquire at times . . . the kidding she took about "Oh, Bill" . . . Dolorchie Aviach . . . fashionable wardrobe.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 2; Class Play 4; Dramatics 3; Figurine Painting 1; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 3, 4, Advertising Manager 4; MacDowell 3, 4; Monitor 4; Vaquero 3, 4, Circulation Manager 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 4; Basketball 3, 4; Hockey 3, 4; Cheerleading 3, 4.

Daniel R. Capozello

"Cap" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our dream senior class . . . our football teams with Mr. Linn and Mr. Koch . . . the undefeated team of '52 . . . "Big George" . . . the gang on Northside . . . Coach's health classes . . . our gym classes . . . "hit 'em again" . . . our eighth grade trips . . . our first basketball game in the new gym . . . the many good times with Cart . . . my cousin Frank . . . Cart and the trunk . . . Dorsey's New Year's Eve party . . . Albert and all the good times . . . "Alan" . . . Mr. Linn's math classes . . . Mr. Tuckey's shop classes . . . Mr. Yeich's English classes . . . Tony Rooster . . . the many good times with Marilyn . . . last of all, my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Terrific sports ability . . . made up language . . . how silly he got with Cartwright at class meetings . . . his love affairs . . . "Dapper Dan" . . . his way of getting along with the opposite sex . . . future "College Joe" . . . good looks . . . his fan clubs . . . outstanding wardrobe . . . his loyalty to the class.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer, President 3; Cooking 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Sr. Sportsman 2, 3, 4; Athletic Association, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

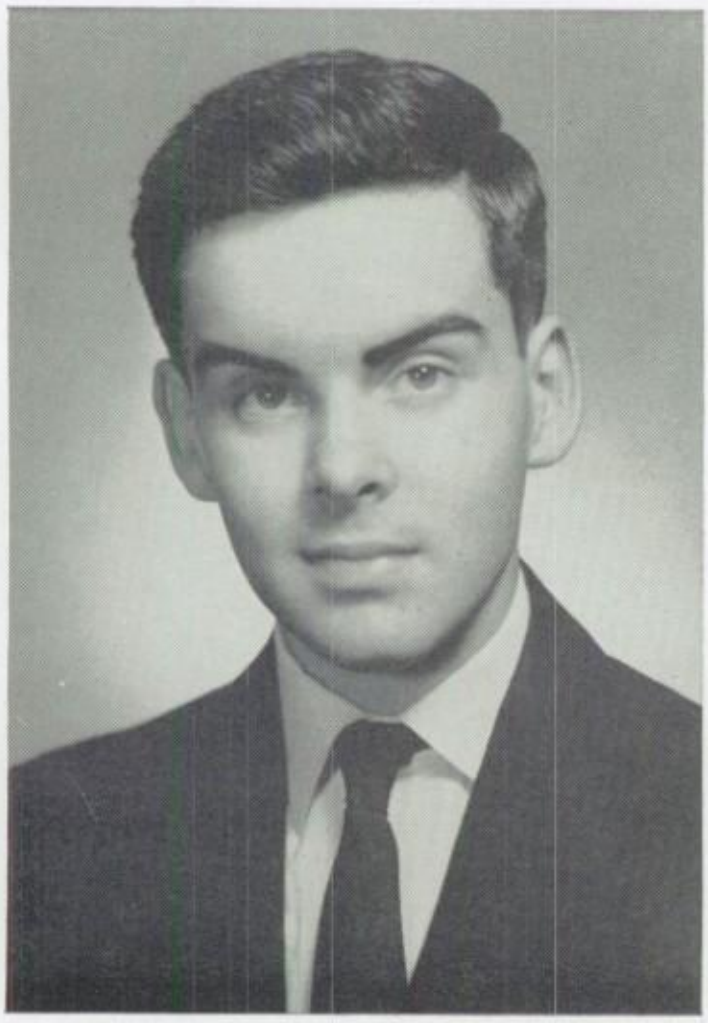
Robert Allen Cartwright

"CART" INDUSTRIAL ARTS

I'LL NEVER FORGET—"Big George" . . . Mr. Yeich's English classes . . . many good times with Cap . . . the night of Kay Acosta's party (poor Wally) . . . the BBB's . . . Alan . . . the friendly games of pool with "Tony Rooster" . . . Mr. Tuckey's printing classes . . . Mr. Waldron's drawing classes . . . Mrs. Bolton's English classes . . . working at the bakery with punchy Albert . . . the senior class (the best) . . . last but far from least, all the wonderful times with Barbara, they were and still are the best.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The fun he had with Cappy at class meetings . . . faithfully printing tickets and programs . . . his love for studies (?) . . . natural scholastic ability . . . his romance with that certain underclassman . . . the back-off kid . . . crazy sense of humor . . . willingness to help . . . great guy.

ACTIVITIES—Games Club 1; Sr. Graphic Arts 1; Sr. Sportsman 1; Baseball 2, 3; Football 1.



Robert Michael Clements

"CLEM" ACADEMIC

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Coming to W. R. . . . our classes with Mr. Waldron . . . the junior class play we almost had . . . canoe trip with Berk, Martens, and Mac . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . the Christmas club . . . Driver Training . . . Q-Ball's head . . . Jack's '34 Olds . . . the senior stand at the fishing rodeo . . . Mrs. Poole . . . Claudette's car . . . Dorsey's New Year's Eve party . . . Joel Arnold and Susie . . . hot rodding with Berk . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Clementine" . . . his method of telling jokes . . . driving ability (?) . . . Clem and Q-Ball . . . his giggling spells at the diner . . . the great pains he took to learn his part in the class play . . . natural wit . . . his ability to take part in things . . . one of the seniors.

ACTIVITIES—Dramatics 3, 4; Lariat 3, 4; Library 3, 4; Athletic Association 3, 4; Vaquero 3, 4.

Janice Rose Cuifici

"JAN" COMMERCIAL

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The jail bench . . . boys catch girls . . . the summer of '50 . . . the 8th grade parties and the trips we never took . . . robbing the piggy bank . . . our names being sent to the F.B.I. . . . all the fun at basketball and hockey games and practices . . . ten points off . . . Pat's many loves . . . the unwholesome sophs . . . our many parties, especially Dorsey's . . . deer hunting in Birdsboro . . . the Minervas . . . cheering at games . . . my hectic times with Danny . . . swimming at Hopewell . . . classes with Mr. Waldron . . . my friend, Tut . . . the gang . . . running home at dinner time for letters . . . our trip to New York . . . my love trouble (Butchie) . . . our neat class . . . graduation . . . Ray . . . last but not least, W.R.H.S. and all its neat kids.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Glasses . . . love of sports . . . capable leader . . . her many rhymes . . . always helping others . . . the moods she got in . . . outstanding wardrobe . . . scholastic ability unlimited . . . her love (?) for snakes . . . her faithfulness to Gary.

ACTIVITIES—Class Officer, Secretary 4; Hollywood Highlights 1; Lariat 2, 3, 4, Typist 3, 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Monitors 4; National Honor Society 4; Jr. Honor Society 1, 2; Sr. Poster Club 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 1, 2, 3; Vaquero 2, 3, 4, Business Manager 4; Jr. Chorus 1; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Cabinet, Social 1, 2; Athletic Association 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Cheerleading, J. V. 1, 2, Varsity 3, 4, Captain 4.

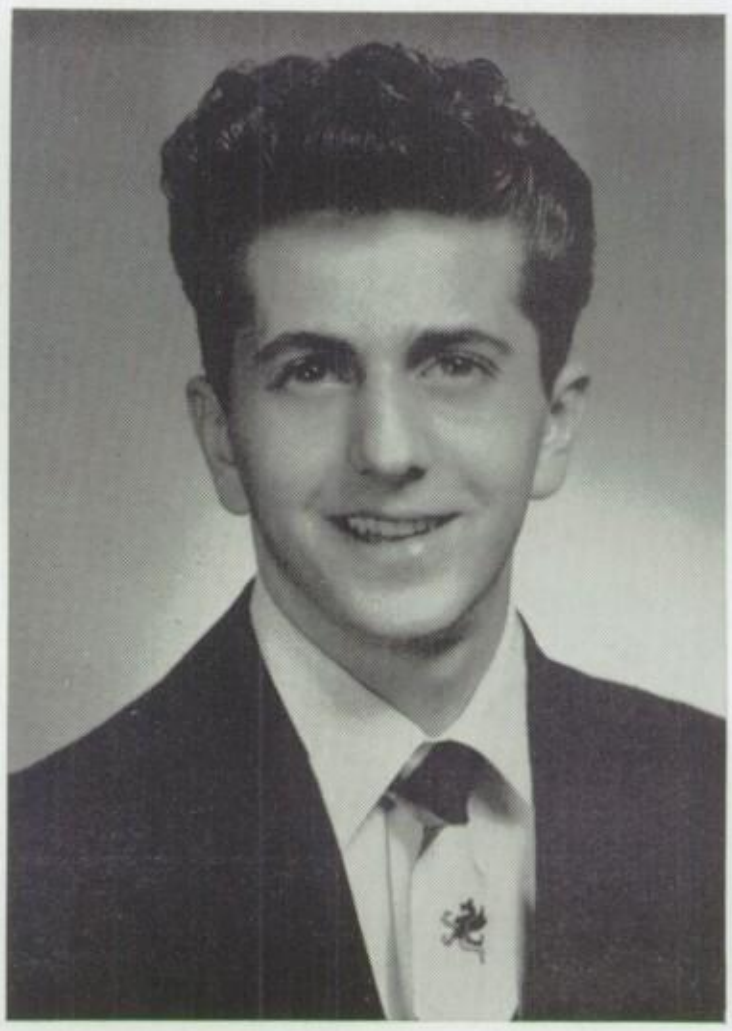
Joyce Angeline Damore

"Tut" — General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The little red school house . . . the trips we didn't take . . . tenth grade . . . my love for biology class . . . Dorsey's New Year's Eve party . . . the unwholesome sophs . . . Elaine and I singing Jingle Bells in September . . . the 9 M's . . . hockey and basketball practices and games . . . laps . . . the Mt. Penn basketball game . . . at the shore with Pat and the owl . . . our many slumber parties . . . the gang . . . coke time . . . Danny . . . that '39 Plymouth . . . the accident after the Boyertown football game in '54 . . . homeroom with Amelia and Larry . . . the minute men . . . working behind the refreshment stand at the games . . . my second home . . . 10 points off . . . the tree in the alley . . . the time all the girls got sick at Janice's house . . . that crazy exercise . . . my senior year . . . the great class of '55.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Tut" . . . her great sports ability . . . how silly she could get in home ec. class . . . love for Albright . . . faithfully typing for Vaquero . . . never hurry, never worry attitude . . . tiny stature . . . one of the original "Minervas" . . . her way of saying things . . . "moods".

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 3; Dramatics 3; Adv. Hollywood Highlights 1, 2; Jr. Chorus 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Monitor 2, 3; Sr. Poster Club 2; Vaquero 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 4; Athletic Association 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4.



Frank Emilio DeCarlo

"Frankie" — General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Taking off school to go to the movies . . . Boyertown . . . Hopewell . . . History class with Mr. Himmelberger, two years of it . . . my first car . . . Playland . . . Dorsey's parties . . . basketball practice . . . winning the Wyomissing basketball game . . . English class . . . being Jack's chauffer . . . how hard I studied in school . . . Richard's jokes . . . Cartwright's birthday . . . all the fun I had in High School . . . our class saying, "take it out of the treasury" . . . the three B's . . . the time I cut my finger in Mrs. Woodall's room.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Hook" . . . basketball star . . . the great pains he took to comb his hair . . . his jacket accident . . . his love for Consumer Ec. . . . that new car . . . those tall tales . . . his extensive wardrobe.

ACTIVITIES—Class Officer, Secretary 3; Chef Club 4; Health Committee 1; Hi-Y 1, Treasurer 1; Sr. Sportsman 3, 4; Basketball, Jr. High 1, Jr. Varsity 2, 3, Varsity 4.

Julia Ann Dracoules

"Julie" — General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The first day I came to W.R.H.S. . . . green '50 Ford . . . Carl . . . the night Elaine was locked in our cellar . . . Home Ec. class . . . favorite expressions . . . my sophomore year, and all the parties . . . going to all the games . . . meetings . . . trip to the shore with Pat and Dorsey . . . Mr. Himmelberger's corny jokes . . . the Lariat . . . study halls with Eddie . . . the time I fell with the Christmas cards . . . my week in the hospital during my senior year . . . looking forward to graduation . . . clock watching in classes . . . Mr. Waldron . . . all the kids . . . the New York trip . . . our dream class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Hot-rod Julie . . . her slumber parties . . . that crazy spaghetti party . . . frequent trips to Wilson High School . . . Candy Queen . . . the way she filed her nails in Consumer Ec. . . . the busy Beaver . . . one of the Home Ec. octet . . . her love for Ray Anthony records . . . extensive wardrobe . . . the way she could win an argument . . . always ready for fun.

ACTIVITIES—School Play 4; Dramatics 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Figurine Painting 2; Health Committee 3; Lariat 2, 3, 4, Feature Editor 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Student Council, Handbook Editor 3; Thespian 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Membership Chairman 3; Athletic Association 4.

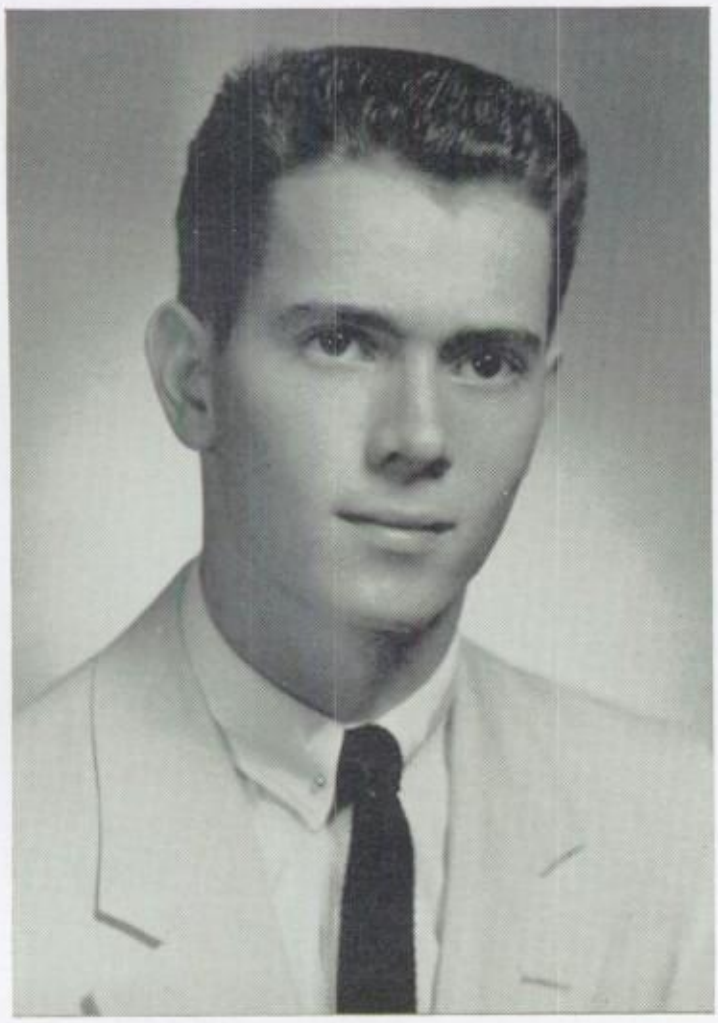
Elaine Marie Gentile

"Elonka" — General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our 7th grade picnic . . . 8th grade and the trip we never took . . . trouble with the F.B.I. . . . unwholesome sophs . . . all the parties, especially Dorsey's . . . Pat, Janice, and the TV set . . . my fall . . . "take it out of the treasury" . . . George in Business Math class . . . trouble in the music room . . . all the fun cheering for the guys . . . Uncle Fritz and Aunt Nel . . . trouble with that certain Alumni . . . our trip to New York . . . our working for the yearbook . . . our class, the greatest . . . Ray . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Elonka . . . Pinochio . . . the gifts from her admirer . . . her efficient way of doing things (?) . . . her famous way of winning . . . terrific party girl . . . love for good *times . . . always happy . . . how she worked on the yearbook . . . the way she could take a joke.*

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3; Debate 3, 4; Figurine Painting 1; Health Committee 2; Hospitality Committee 2, 3; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 2; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, President 4; Monitor 3, 4; Vaquero 1, 2, 3, Editor 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, Cabinet 4; Basketball 3, 4.



Gary George Heiser

"Rod" — General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Kenny, Jack, and Larry . . . my sophomore year . . . Kenny's flashy stockings . . . that New Year's Eve party . . . Mrs. Poole's classes . . . Mr. Linn's math classes . . . my girl trouble, J. C. . . . my senior year . . . our large varsity basketball team . . . the funny experiences in Mr. Waldron's art classes . . . class meetings . . . favorite expression, "take it out of the treasury" . . . the new gym . . . our senior Christmas dance . . . all my classmates . . . the refreshment stand . . . the undefeated football team in 1952.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His sly grin . . . navy man . . . Food Fair boy . . . that laugh . . . basketball ability . . . his blonde crew cut . . . long curly eyelashes . . . our southpaw pitcher . . . his one and only love . . . outstanding artistic ability.

ACTIVITIES—Band 2, 3; Class Officer, Secretary 2; Cooking 1; Crafts 1; Hospitality Committee 4; Monitor, President 4; Sr. Poster 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

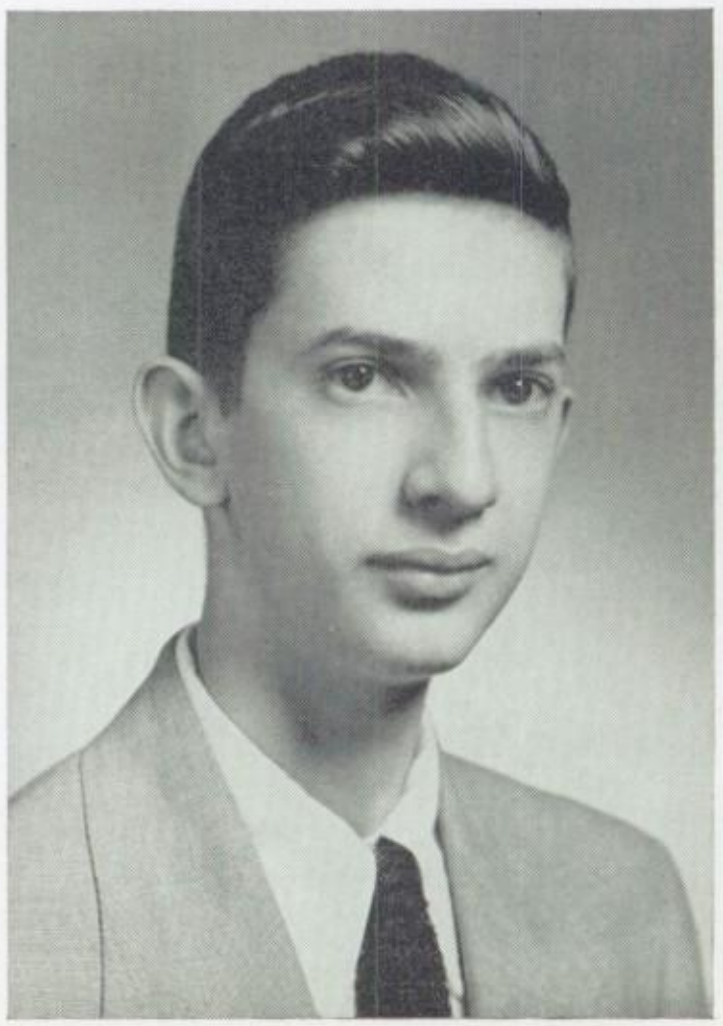
Curtis Gerald Keller

"Curt" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Miss Kochel . . . our first year German classes . . . Mr. Manwiller's bird . . . "MacBeth" at Mrs. Poole's house . . . all the trips our class didn't take . . . my poem to Mrs. Poole . . . the MacDowell "greats" . . . our swell senior dances . . . the superb class of 1955 . . . the horse show . . . "Schnitzels Ratskeller" . . . those peanut-butter crackers in the Lariat office.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His rhymes . . . all the teasing he took from Larry . . . his ability to handle things . . . quiet manner . . . that flashy pink and black vest . . . working behind the refreshment stand at games . . . that silly giggle . . . his tete-a-tetes with Sue.

ACTIVITIES—MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Vaquero 2, 3, 4; Lariat 2, 3, 4; Chefs' Club 1; Health Committee, Secretary 4; Hi-Y, Chaplain 3.



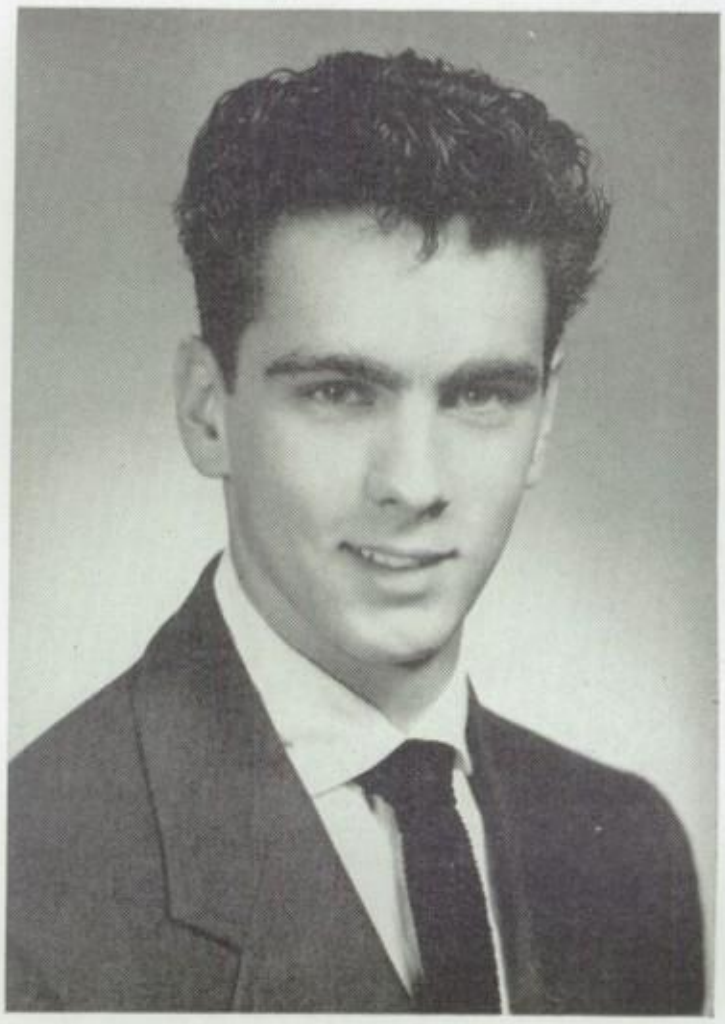
William Clarence Kline, Jr.

"Buff" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our undefeated football team . . . my many years in football and basketball . . . my sidekick, Jim . . . three musketeers on the left side in football . . . that certain party at Kay Acosta's . . . our unwholesome sophomore year . . . initiation . . . our many trips we didn't take . . . our senior class of '55.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His admiration for a certain Wyomissing girl . . . the many other girls Buff went with . . . his ability to play sports . . . that hot Ford . . . his good sense of humor . . . he and his favorite teacher, Mr. Naylor.

ACTIVITIES—Band 4; Beg. Ensemble 1; Hi-Y 2; Library 2; Student Council 1; Athletic Association 1; Football 4; Basketball 4.



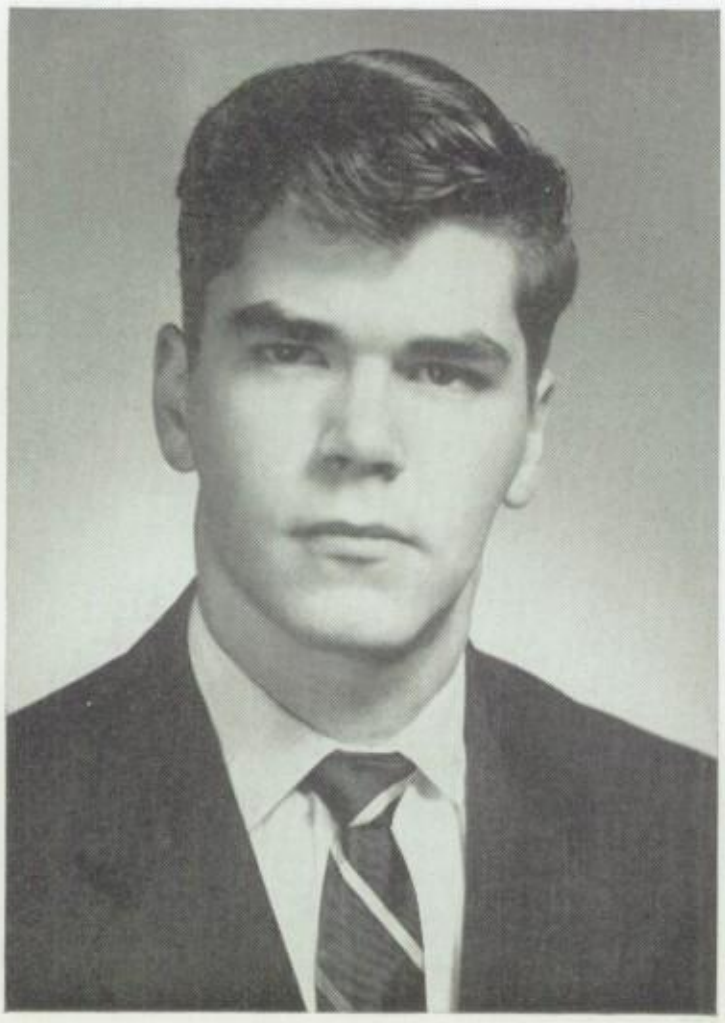
Jack Luther Long

"Jack" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The great times in Kenny's hot Austin . . . Larry's '39 Chevy . . . my summer at Bainbridge with Gary . . . walking around town during hurricane Hazel . . . the gang at the pool room . . . the BBB's . . . my '39 Olds . . . my chauffer, Frank . . . Dorsey's New Year's Eve party . . . New Year's Eve morning, 1955 . . . Julie's surprise party . . . my best teacher, Mrs. Poole . . . my senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The lost weekend kid . . . that hairdo . . . his love for French class . . . pegged dungarees . . . his ability for wrecking cars . . . his evening strolls . . . his many girls . . . the moods he got in.

ACTIVITIES—Band 1; Banking 1; Camera 2; Class Officer, Vice President 3, 4; Cooking 1; Games Club 1; Hi-Y 1; Sr. Graphic Arts 4; Sr. Sportsman 4.



Edward James McQuaid

"Q-Ball" General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—10th grade . . . John Poole . . . our gang of girls . . . Algebra . . . Jack Martens . . . Dick and Jim in skiing . . . the summer of "54" . . . my last year at West Reading and the class of "55".

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His odd sense of humor . . . the stories he could tell . . . his love for airplanes . . . silly spells in class . . . "Q-Ball" . . . all his nicknames . . . practical jokes . . . how he loved to drive his father's car . . . the Hot Rod (?).

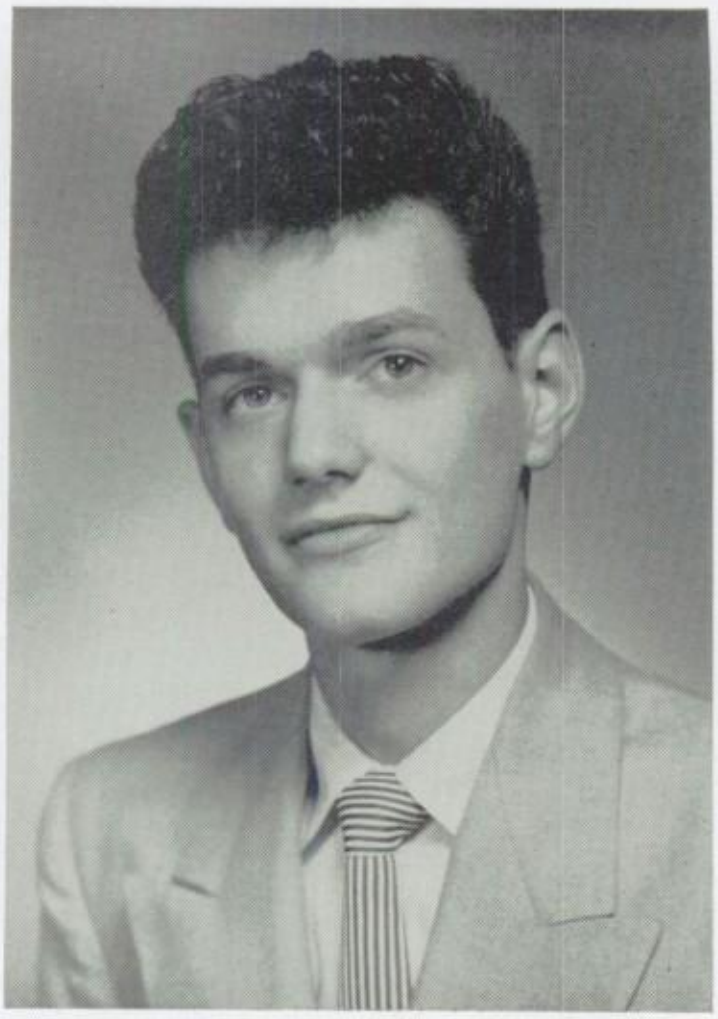
Larry Robert Meglathery

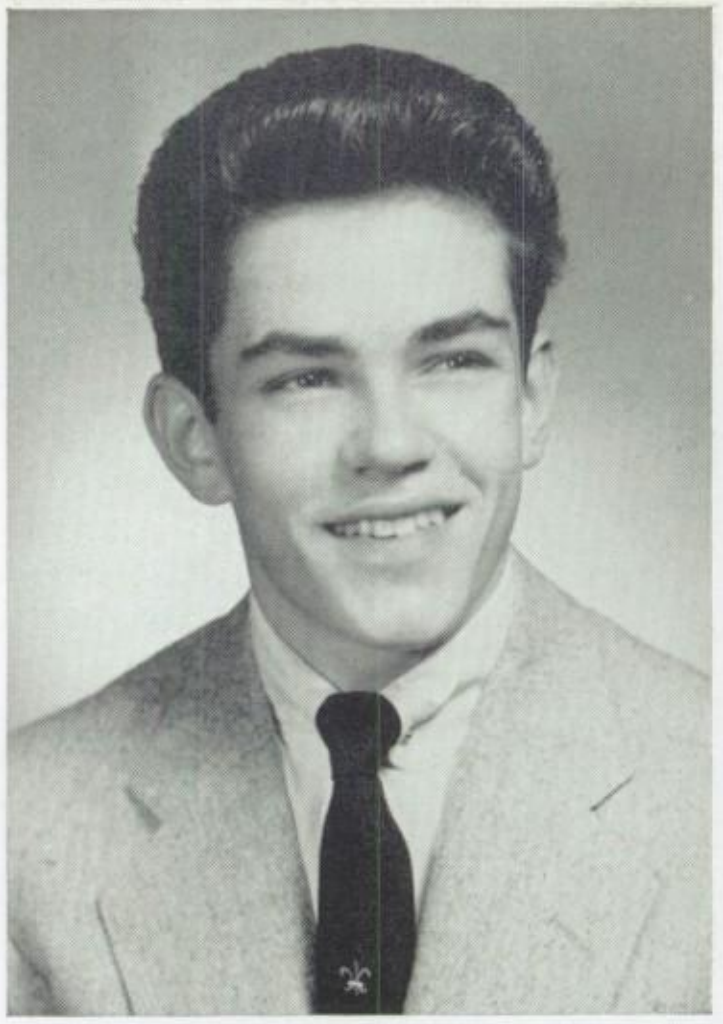
"Larry" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Battling for the wall in grade school . . . my seventh grade crush on a senior . . . the egg episode in eighth grade . . . those parties . . . trips to Wildwood with Jenkins . . . playing basketball against the faculty . . . those times in Ken's Austin . . . Jack's '39 Olds "88" . . . classes with Kenny, Jack, and Gary . . . my arguments with Amelia . . . Coach's health classes . . . the B.U.A. (benchwarmers' union of America) . . . the "Room" . . . nights at the Penn . . . the time I drove with the Driver Training car . . . New Year's Eve of our senior year.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—That laugh . . . his ability for getting in trouble . . . many romances . . . small but mighty . . . sessions in homeroom with Amelia . . . "Little Darling" . . . the notes he composed . . . the little rabbit in first grade . . . intellect disguised.

ACTIVITIES—Collectors' Club, Secretary 1; Guidance Committee 2; Games Club 1; Health Committee 1; Hi-Y 3, 4; Science 2; Sr. Graphic Arts 2; Student Council 3; Basketball 2, 3; Physical Culture Club 4; Gymnastics Club 4.





Kenneth Harold Messner

"Tony-Tonette" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My "hot" '48 "Doodlebug" Austin . . . holding class meetings . . . Friday night celebrations . . . times over in Shillington . . . the BBB's — all of us . . . Jack, Larry, and Gary . . . those parties . . . Larry's '39 Chevy and Jack's '39 Olds "88" . . . nights in the "puddlejumper" . . . the gangs we had while sledding and swimming . . . my sophomore and senior years . . . our class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His great ability to get things accomplished . . . pleasing personality . . . the way he loved parties . . . terrific class president . . . "Curly" . . . many romances . . . his consistently neat appearance . . . his trip to the Mardi Gras . . . the busy senior with the Cadillac . . . the many times he left his seat during class . . . his ambitious way . . . love for Mr. Koch.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 1; Class Officer, President 4; Games Club 1; Hi-Y 3; Jr. Honor Society 1; Science 2, 3, 4; Sr. Poster 2, 3, 4; Sr. Sportsman 3; Athletic Association 3.

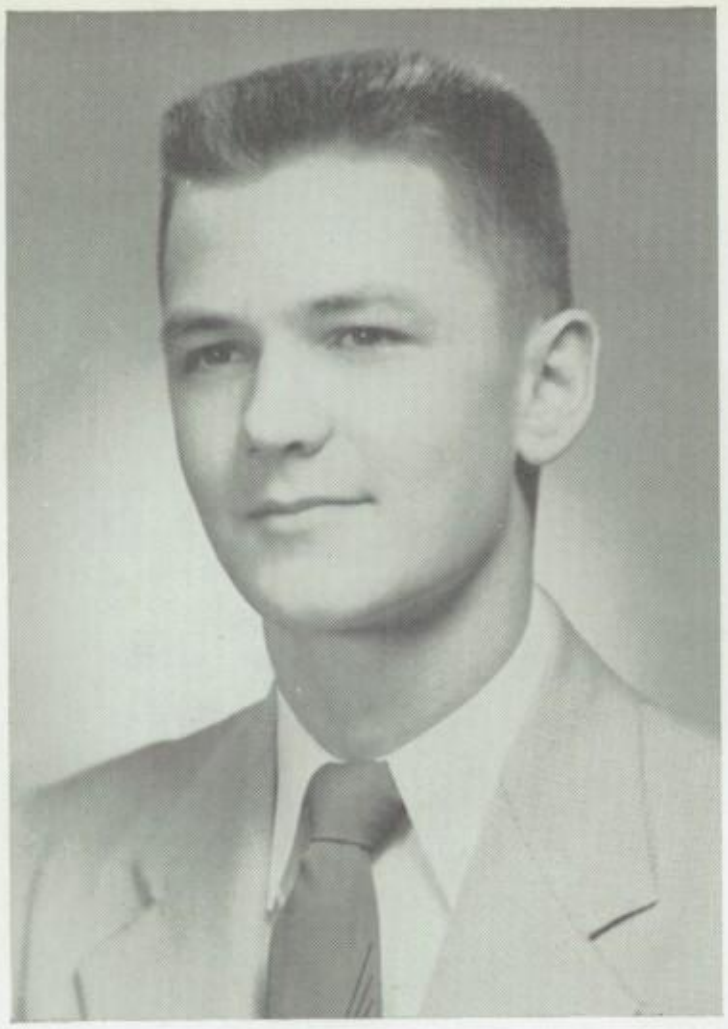
Joan Deanna Minnich

"Joan" — General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Dorsey's New Year's parties . . . the Minervas . . . boys catch girls in grade school . . . the jailbench . . . Miss Erickson and the bubble gum contest . . . unwholesome sophomores . . . initiation . . . my three and only teachers: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Naylor, and Mrs. Woodall . . . covered dish socials in library clubs . . . decorating for dances . . . helping with refreshments at the games . . . the fishing rodeo . . . Monitor's post . . . Our trips we never took . . . the episode with Dolly and the Pottstown guys . . . being commander of color guard in the band . . . MacDowell . . . Sextet . . . my two years in County Chorus . . . leading the Star Spangled Banner at the Albright Stadium . . . Miss Kochel . . . our health trip to Wernersville State Hospital . . . New York trip . . . powder baths in gym classes . . . slumber parties . . . Ray . . . the wonderful kids at W.R.H.S. . . . our dream class of "55".

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—"Blondie" . . . pleasing personality . . . pretty complexion . . . love for band rehearsals . . . Minerva's child . . . quiet manner . . . commercial student . . . her silly spells in Consumer Ec. . . . her high pitched laugh . . . one of the girls in Home Ec. . . . pretty hands and nails . . . friendly ways . . . her many different troubles (ahem).

ACTIVITIES—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Commander of Color Guard 3, 4; Sr. Costume 3; Hollywood Highlights 1; Jr. Chorus 1, 2; Lariat 3, 4, Circulation Manager 4; Library 1, 2; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitor 3, 4; Sr. Poster Club 2; Y-Teens 3, 4, Vice President 4, Treasurer 3; Athletic Association 3.



John Herbert Parsons

"Fershimmeled John" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The first day Mr. Koch had our class in General Science . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . My nickname "Straight Arrow" in seventh and eighth grade . . . football practice — for one season . . . working at refreshment stands at our dances and basketball games . . . fishing trips with Ken, Mac, Berk, and our Cadet at Valley Forge . . . the General Assembly . . . Miss Anthony . . . Miss Rothenberger . . . Mr. Hanney . . . Mrs. Poole's patience and understanding . . . our illustrious class of 1955.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The way he studied . . . how excited he could get . . . his trouble with Larry . . . his ambition to be a confirmed bachelor! . . . the "spirit" of the football team . . . the boy who has what it takes to succeed.

ACTIVITIES—Banking 1; Beg. Camera 1; Class Officer, President 1; Chefs' Club 1; Health Committee 2; Hi-Y 1; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 2; Math Club 1; National Honor Society, President 1; Sr. Sportsman 1; Football 4.

Amelia Sue Potteiger

"Potty" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Our class . . . the little red school house . . . tht bubble gum contest with Elaine . . . apologizing to Mr. Waldron . . . fun with the gang . . . our sophomore year . . . chemistry class with Mr. Koch and the boys . . . hockey and basketball practices . . . the plays in my senior year . . . the Lariat's rewarding trials and tribulations . . . class trips and picnics . . . coke time . . . Sundays at Tut's with Janice . . . arguing with Larry . . . Miss Cilley . . . Ray . . . my senior year and my backers.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—The scholar of the class . . . the arguments she managed to get in . . . her trouble with the Little Darling . . . love for food, sports and the Lariat (?) . . . her many nicknames . . . funny remarks in homeroom . . . the parties she had.

ACTIVITIES—Art 2; Band 1; Class Officer 1, 3; Class Play and School Play 4; Debating 3; Dramatics 3, 4; Figurine Painting 1; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4, Editor 4; Library 1; MacDowell 2, 3, 4, Sextet 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 1, 3, 4; Student Council, Handbook Editor 1; Thespian 4; Vaquero 2, 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, Cabinet 4; Basketball 3, 4; Hockey 2, 3, 4.

Susanna Jane Rissmiller

"Sue" — Academic

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My senior year . . . our German parties with Miss Kochel . . . Mr. Manwiller . . . watching MacBeth at Mrs. Poole's house . . . Mr. Himmelberger's history tests . . . horseback riding with Claudie . . . "Old Hessie" . . . "The Green Dragon" . . . when Claudie tried to drive . . . all the wonderful people at West Reading High.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her scholastic ability . . . her practical way of doing things . . . her love for horses . . . faithful sidekick, Claudie . . . her independent way . . . the crazy remarks she would come up with . . . her secret romance.

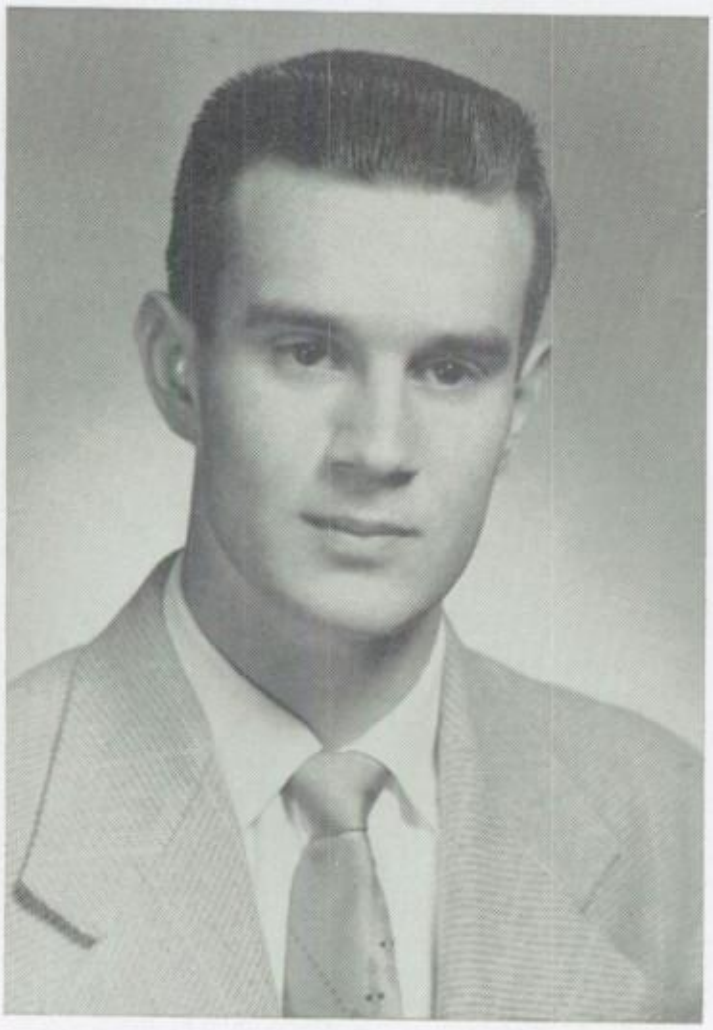
ACTIVITIES—Fancy Work Club 2; Foreign Letter Exchange 1, 2; Jr. Chorus 2; Lariat 3, 4; MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Monitors 2; Jr. Honor Society 1; National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2; Vaquero 3.

James Talbot Rogers

"Jim" — Commercial

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Football practices and games . . . tennis . . . 6th grade picnic . . . my trips . . . Alfred and Buff . . . my classmates . . . the times I got sick . . . the few workers of our class . . . our senior dances . . . formals . . . learning how to drive . . . how West Reading has humor in its sports . . . summer vacation . . . going to Rotary Camp . . . 61½c for a coke in New York.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His ability to complete things . . . his outbursts in class meetings . . . his driving over to Wyo-missing every chance he gets . . . his straightman, Buff . . . his sports ability.



Anthony Scalese

"Tony" — General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—My three football seasons . . . the mysterious call to Elaine when she was baby sitting . . . basketball, baseball, and track . . . Mr. Linn and Mr. Koch . . . the meetings I ran in Student Council . . . how I hated to face Mr. Koch when the Cleveland Browns lost . . . Buff and I always arguing on who's going to win the peanut . . . the ribbing I took when the Indians lost the world series . . . Mr. Waldron . . . my pals . . . the senior class.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Student Council president . . . trouble with the girls . . . his ability to make speeches . . . the girls . . . moral booster of the football team . . . the quiet moods he could get in . . . how he loved baseball . . . future physical ed teacher.

ACTIVITIES—Dramatics 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Hospitality Committee, Chairman 1; Monitors 2; Sr. Sportsman 2; Student Council 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Thespian 4; Athletic Association, Secretary 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.

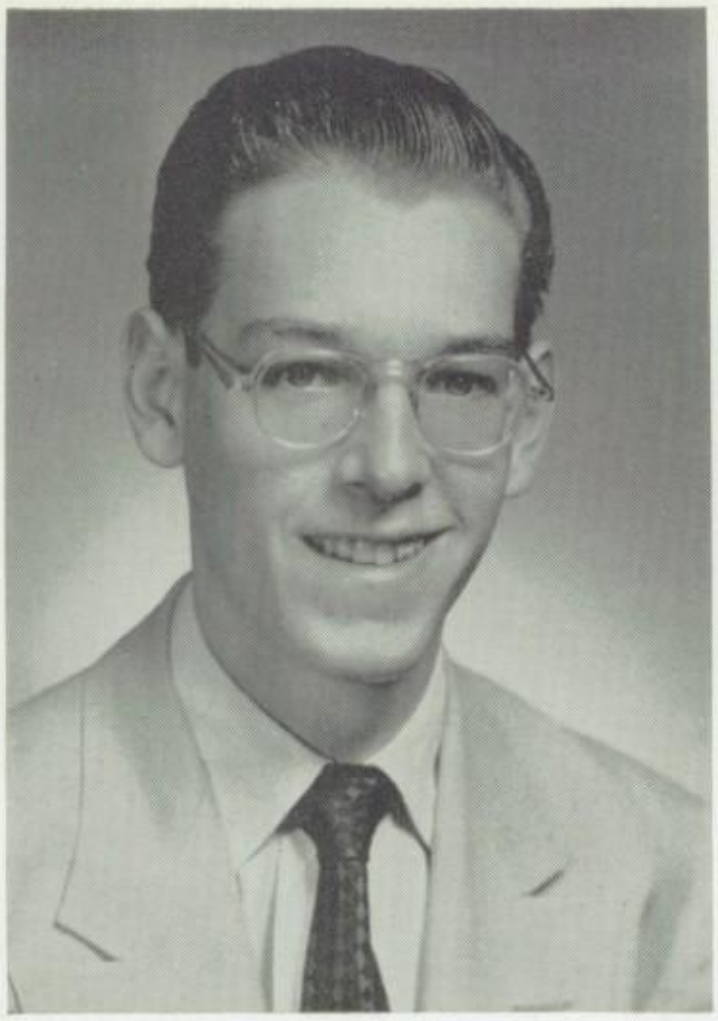
Patricia Louise Shindle

"Pat" — General Business

I'LL NEVER FORGET—The summer of "50" . . . Dorsey's parties . . . Julie's spaghetti party . . . Minervas . . . my trips to Lehigh . . . Penn State . . . Florida boys . . . the owl . . . the foursome at the shore . . . class trips we never took . . . the college men . . . Janice's rhymes . . . slumber parties . . . sophomore year . . . record sessions . . . Lee . . . the dinnertime roundup . . . Mr. Himmelberger . . . my senior year . . . the big three . . . the kidding I took about my Bermuda shorts . . . the big argument at the diner (?) . . . Elaine's fall . . . made up names at Betterton . . . the Penn . . . the Ivy Leagers.

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her cunning way of doing things . . . her great enthusiasm (?) . . . our sweetheart of Sigma Chi . . . those eyes . . . that walk . . . her love (?) for that certain junior . . . the great rah, rah, college girl . . . her Bermuda shorts . . . her witty wisecracks . . . the typical mother and homemaker . . . her love for millionaires.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 1, 2, 3, Secretary 2; Class Officer 1, 2; Hollywood Highlights 1; Adv. Hollywood Highlights 1; Hospitality Committee 4; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 2, 3, Feature Editor 3; Jr. Honor Society 1, 2; Vaquero 2, 3, 4, Literary Editor 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, President 4; Athletic Association 1, 2; Basketball Manager 3; Hockey 2; MacDowell 2.



Ronald Warren Struble

"Nook" — Industrial Arts

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Kenny's doodle bug . . . Long's first hot rod . . . the three B's . . . the gang at the room . . . the good times with Cart . . . the class parties . . . all the good times with the class of "55".

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—His quiet manner . . . love for the movies . . . willingness to help whenever he could . . . his friend, Cartwright . . . intelligent outbursts in Consumer Ec. . . . Chemist at heart . . . his disinterest in the opposite sex.

ACTIVITIES—Dramatics 1, 3; Science 2, 3, 4; Sr. Sportsman 3.

Delores Marie Wells

"Dollie" — General

I'LL NEVER FORGET—Arriving in West Reading . . . Joe . . . 9th grade class picnic . . . "51" — Wow! . . . trips to Lehigh . . . noontime sessions . . . Home Ec. periods . . . Penn State . . . Our crazy songs . . . Caught indisposed during the fire drill . . . My contest with Amelia — she won . . . My episode with Joan . . . My dancing debut in assembly . . . the snooty dreamer . . . The rush with the Vaquero . . . My second home . . . Daddy . . . The stuff I took from the girls . . . the sea shore . . . Alaskan episode . . . Penny pitching . . . My part in the water pageant . . . Mr. Koch and Biology . . . Mr. Himmelberger, my neat adviser . . . Our class of "55".

WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER—Her dancing ability . . . those leotards . . . small but mighty . . . sweater girl . . . that giggle . . . winner of the contest . . . her ability to play volleyball . . . her love for snobs . . . our little dress maker . . . the leopard in the water pageant . . . Her crazy songs.

ACTIVITIES—Assembly Committee 3, 4; Band 2; Costume 2; Debate 2; Dramatics 3, 4; Fancy Work Club 3; Health Committee 1; Hospitality Committee 2; Jr. Chorus 1; Lariat 3; Sr. Poster Club 2; Vaquero 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

SHYEST
Curt and Ellen

MOST ATHLETIC
Tut and Tony

BEST DRESSED
Julie and Frank

CLASS FLIRTS
Jack and Pat

LADIES' MAN
Eddie

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Sue and John

FAVORITE
SENIOR COUPLE
Janice and Gary

CLASS TERROR
Larry

MOST FRIENDLY
Joan and Ed

WICEST LOCKING
Dorsey and Dan

MOST TALENTED
George and Dolly

CLASS CUTUP
Carl

MOST COOPERATIVE
Jim

MOST INDEPENDENT
Ronnie and Claudie

CLASS CLOWNS
Buff and Elaine

MOST INTELLIGENT
Kenny and Amelia

Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1955

We, the Class of 1955, *of the borough of West Reading, County of Berks, and State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by us.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: We, the Senior Class of 1955, *the testators, have set our hand and seal hereto this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-five* (1955).

.....(*SEAL*)

Ellen Achenbach wills her ability to play volleyball to Carole Wolf.
Claudette Brown gives her amazing ability in filing class to Charles Strause.
George Brown turns over his French horn lessons to Linda Hertz.
Dorsey Bryson leaves her future modeling job to Regina Maley.
Eddie Berk bequeathes his key to the supply room to Richard White.
Dan Capozello surrenders his football uniform to Roger Miller.
Bob Cartwright bestows his love for Consumer Ec to Agatha Cherico.
Bob Clements leaves his sense of humor to Virginia Ulrich.
Janice Cuifici, with tears and many regrets, wills her hockey stick to Jim Karper.
Joyce Damore gives her large sneakers to Rudy Haehnel.
Frank DeCarlo wants to leave his eye for clothing to Joanne Harris.
Julie Dracoules releases her day dreaming in class to Leroy Achenbach.
Elaine Gentile confers her basketball ability to Paul Albert.
Gary Heiser's art ability may be left to Nancy Reigel.
Bill Kline leaves his hearty laugh to Marie Wursch.
Curtis Keller transfers his course in muscle building to Fran Mirenna.
Jack Long sacrifices his daily naps to Priscilla Wilt.
Larry Meglathery wills his love troubles to Ronnie Borst.
Kenny Messner leaves his Cadillac to Ann Voelker.
Joan Minnich wants to give her baton-twirling ability to Hank Cremer.
Amelia Potteiger, wanting to help, leaves her basketball uniform to Shirley Clemmer.
John Parsons bequeaths his antagonizing hours of study to Carol Lavigna.
Eddie McQuaid surrenders his tall tales to Bobby Fuicci.
Jim Rogers wants to bestow his daily sermons to Kay Trout.
Tony Scalese gives his love for basketball to Ann Stewart.
Pat Shindle gives her graceful walk and sly looks to Ronnie Kowaleski.
Ronnie Struble reluctantly wills his love for science to Barbara Wagoner.
Dolly Wells bestows her form-fitting leotards to George Rankey.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for our last will and testament by the Senior Class of 1955, *the above-named testators, in the presence of us, who, at their request and in the presence of them and each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.*

SIGNED:

Elaine Gentile
Joyce Damore
Janice Cuifici
Dolores Wells

WITNESSES:

Joan Minnich
Amelia Potteiger

Class Prophecy

SENIOR	WANTS TO BE	WILL BE
Ellen Achenbach	Secretary	Owner of a chain of 5 & 10c stores
Edmund Berk	Musician	Janitor at Carnegie Hall
Claudette Brown	Telephone Operator	Demonstrator for Moonsheen
George Brown	Progressive Jazz Composer	Author of Revised Mother Goose Book
Dolores Bryson	New York Model	Model for the characture on the Old Maid Cards
Dan Capozello	Business Manager	Fruit Huckster
Bob Cartwright	Printer	Professor of Child Psychology
Bob Clements	Interior Designer	Winner of the Mr. America Contest
Janice Cuifici	Corporation Secretary	World's Greatest Snake Charmer
Joyce Damore	Typist	Olympic Winner for skipping in place
Frank DeCarlo	Boss of DeCarlo's Meat Market	Famous Opera Singer
Julia Dracoules	Fashion Consultant	Inventor of the new wonder drug, "Cure All"
Elaine Gentile	Secretary	Mighty Joe Young's standin
Gary Heiser	Surveyor	Army Hero of the year
Curtis Keller	History Teacher	Heavy weight boxing Champion of the world
Bill Kline	Salesman	President of the Grand National Bank
Jack Long	Photographer	Academy Award winner for his acting in the "Lost Weekend"
Edward McQuaid	Pilot for an Airliner	Story teller of the year
Larry Meglathery	Mechanical Engineer	Star of the new T. V. series, "Our Little Darling"
Ken Messner	Chemical Engineer	New owner of Tiffany's
Joan Minnich	Private Secretary	Demonstrator for "Ayds Reducing Tablets"
John Parsons	Electrical Engineer	Second Rudolph Valentino
Amelia Potteiger	U. S. Foreign Service Worker	Winner of hog-calling contest
Susie Rissmiller	Elementary Teacher	Bareback rider for Barnum & Bailey's Circus
James Rogers	Business Man	Walter Winchell's stenographer
Tony Scalese	Coach	A barber specializing in Tony the Rooster hair cuts
Pat Shindle	Dental Technician in the Air Force	Future mother of the year
Ronald Struble	Electrician	Einstein's valet
Dolly Wells	Advertising Manager	African Missionary

SENIOR

Our terrors in second grade

We really had fun at the Daniel Boone Homestead

The Eighth Grade Party

Our chorus line

Well, we tried

Remember the Fishing Rodeo of '54?

Those Sunday afternoons!

Pat

George, our animal lover

Whoa, boy!

WOW!

Our hero, Gary

SNAPS

Here's one trip we didn't miss

Kenny's pride and joy

Summers were great!

Ronnie and his hidden talent

Our little darling

The gang at Harrisburg

Joan at home

Ginger, our mascot

Sue and her buddy

Jack

Men at work

Chicken!

Our gal, Ellen

Weren't we silly?

Dorsey in the treetop

What a pose!

Joyce Feyl

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

The close of the school year finds our underclassmen full of knowledge and ready for next year's performance. They are learning their lessons through comedy and error and in this way are rehearsing for the role they must play on the stage of life.

Junior Class

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): B. Wagoner, S. Clemmer, F. Cremer, L. Hertz, G. Rankey, P. Albert, F. Mirenna, V. Ulrich.

SECOND ROW—A. Cherico, M. Wursch, P. Wilt, C. Wolfe, R. Maley, K. Trout, J. Harris.

THIRD ROW—Miss Mabel Fritz, *adviser;* R. Borst, R. Miller, A. Stewart, N. Reigel, C. Lavigna, J. Alderman, J. Karper, Mr. Arthur Himmelberger, *adviser.*

FOURTH ROW—R. Fuicci, P. Hehn, R. White, D. Jenkins, A. Naylor, C. Strause, R. Kowaleski.

Under the direction of Miss Mabel Fritz, the Class of '56 chalked up a successful and prosperous term as juniors in the high school. The eleventh graders, who could be seen flaunting blue and white class hats, were represented in nearly all school organizations and activities. During football season, several class members were found selling programs to boost their class budget. Many juniors represented the school in basketball, football, swimming, and also girls' sports events.

The junior class began the term with a bang by sponsoring the annual Halloween dance. This year's hop, "Serenade in Masks", brought a large turnout and was very successful. Another highlight of the junior class was the combination junior-senior class play, "Meet Corliss Archer". Frances Mirenna had the lead in this hilarious production.

CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... George Rankey
Vice President ..... Paul Albert
Secretary ..... Linda Hertz
Treasurer ..... Frank Cremer

Sophomore Class

The class of 1957, under the supervision of Mr. Richard Koch and Mr. Roy Bilger, began their senior high school career quickly by making an attempt to reorganize initiation. To start their new adventure they conducted School Spirit Week, during which the sophomores showed off their new class hats of black and white. The remainder of the week consisted of numerous events, such as the poster contest within the class. Incidentally, the winners of the contest were given football game season tickets. Also, a carry-over from other years, the traditional color day was observed.

The sophomores participated in many sports and activities, and the class will be one to expect great things of in the future.

CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Christine Batdorf
Vice President ..... Thomas Heinz
Secretary ..... Gary Bowers
Treasurer ..... John Marks

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): J. Fantilli, B. Siegel, J. Kline, J. Marks, C. Batdorf, G. Bowers, T. Heinz, B. White, J. Rossi, S. Noll.

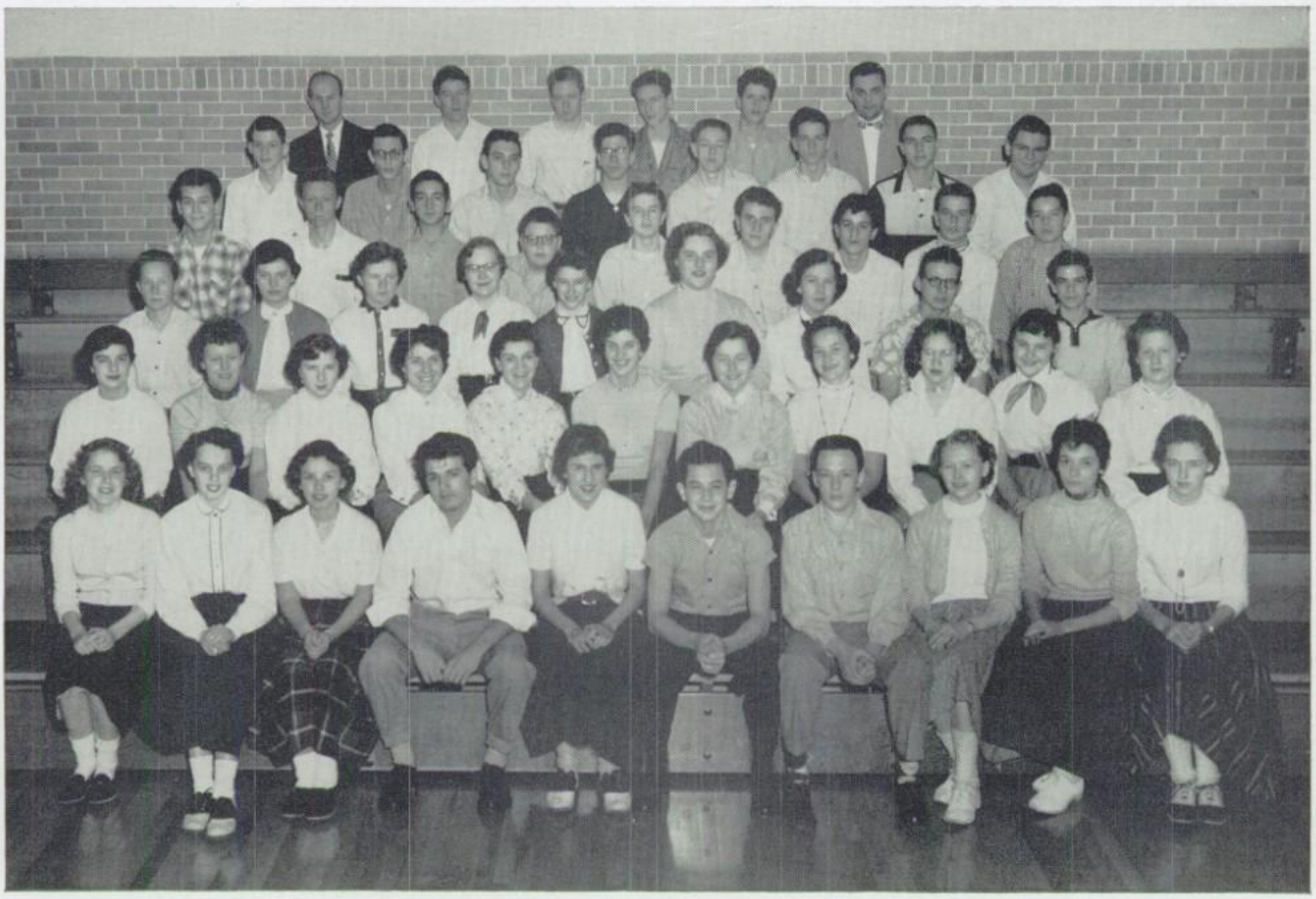
SECOND ROW—J. Wells, J. Vanino, A. Thoma, S. Kreider, M. Marks, E. Trout, S. Behm, A. Voelker, A. Witwer, D. Braun, L. Eckber.

THIRD ROW—K. Heister, C. Muschko, C. Bansner, V. Spang, S. Fleck, J. Feyl, M. Stockholm, L. Ostroski, H. Rulapaugh.

FOURTH ROW—L. Listrani, L. Achenbach, T. Campitelli, W. Haas, W. Feick, L. Eppenstine, E. Nestro, D. Remley, H. Zechman.

FIFTH ROW—D. Williams, D. Goll, R. Cardinal, R. McCarthy, D. Ellis, B. Seidel, R. Burger, C. Lombardo.

SIXTH ROW—Mr. Roy Bilger, *adviser;* E. Treese, M. Cochran, G. Messner, R. Reinert, Mr. Richard Koch, *adviser.*



Freshman Class

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Werner, R. Hettinger, L. Fox, J. Savage, J. Holtzman, C. Yoder, J. Bowers, A. DeCamillo, S. Dunkelberger, S. Heath, P. Troutman.

SECOND ROW—Mr. Ray Linn, *adviser;* M. Remley, S. Beyerle, S. Clewell, N. Howe, G. DiGardi, S. Manning, A. Dundore, H. Bewley, Mrs. Helen Bolton, *adviser.*

THIRD ROW—R. Gilbert, M. Baum, A. Ferraro, P. Miller, J. Hepler, R. Crocona, D. Bohn, L. Romig, J. Wentworth.

FOURTH ROW—D. Brunner, E. Kissinger, S. Gentile, S. Poetter, S. Kissinger, L. Potteiger, E. Achenbach, D. McQuaid, F. Shindle, T. Seidel.

FIFTH ROW—N. Shestock, T. Hegarty, T. Young, R. Smith, D. Lackwood, W. Nuss.

The freshman class, under the guidance of Mrs. Helen Bolton and Mr. Ray Linn, completed a whirlwind of activities in their last year as members of the junior high school.

One of the highlights of the year was their class Christmas party which was held in the gym a few days before Christmas.

Many members of the group played an important part in various sports and other activities of both junior and senior high school throughout the year.

CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Joan Holtzman
Vice President ..... Claude Yoder
Secretary ..... Judith Hepler
Treasurer ..... Janice Bowers

Eighth Grade

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): J. Schmale, B. Betz, J. Weidenheimer, M. Alderman, R. Scalese, W. Munroe, C. Hagenbuch, C. Bohn, C. Dengler, J. Schaeffer.

SECOND ROW—H. Brown, C. Noll, J. Lavigna, J. Rossi, R. Bellanca, M. Dunkelberger, K. Miller, C. Kershner, G. Krow, C. Rulapaugh.

THIRD ROW—Mrs. Mary Gresh, *adviser;* B. Lubas, P. Trabosh, E. Heinz, A. Hoefer, L. Reichert, J. Kapelski, J. Huesman, J. Walker, Mr. Evan Manwiller, *adviser.*

FOURTH ROW—G. Bleiler, H. Sweitzer, B. Wills, N. Wanner, V. Kroenig, M. Sterling, R. Geiss.

Seventh Grade

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): L. Schlottman, J. Moore, C. Bohn, C. Kline, L. Wolf, J. Weidman, K. Potteiger, M. Berkenstock, J. Hass, B. Strause, P. Weiss.

SECOND ROW—L. Stamm, W. Savage, J. Cremer, T. Heist, L. Weiss, S. Ellis, W. Manning, L. Sterling, B. Siegel, J. Spannuth, E. Struble, H. Davies.

THIRD ROW—R. Garner, T. Motacke, D. Reber, J. Bohn, M. Formiconi, R. Kissinger, V. Eddinger, J. Holtzman, J. Maslar, L. Bard, R. Baer.

FOURTH ROW—Mr. John Shalter, *adviser;* R. Weiler, R. Gingrich, D. Rea, B. Beidler, J. Levering, M. Wertz, T. Williams, R. Parker, C. Poole, J. Baum, Mrs. Margaret Brunner, *adviser.*

FIFTH ROW—L. Philippine, L. Bordic, J. Richenbach, P. Kubacki, C. Auman, D. DeVine, K. Waldron, J. Goodhart, C. Hass, K. Dwyer, J. Scheibner.

SIXTH ROW—W. Krick, J. Hall, J. Naugle, R. Krick, H. Hass, D. Oswald, J. Fisher, E. Goodwin, D. Huber, D. Gottshall.

GARY HEISER
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AS YOU LIKE IT

The wide range of activities at West Reading High School fits in well with "As You Like It". As you will see in the following pages, there is an activity for almost every student's individual personality.

National Honor Society

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): Mrs. Mary Gresh, *adviser;* A. Potteiger, J. Parsons, S. Rissmiller, Miss Mabel Fritz, *adviser.*
SECOND ROW—T. Heinz, L. Eckber, J. Feyl, C. Batdorf, H. Zechman.
THIRD ROW—R. Gilbert, E. Kissinger, J. Holtzman, S. Poetter, C. Yoder, T. Hegarty.

The National Honor Society is not primarily a service group in our school, but membership depends on the amount of service each one has rendered according to his ability. However, each year the society has assumed some special project. Our first one was to join with the Student Council in organizing and carrying on for the past three years the Berks County Activities Conference. This was then put on a county-wide basis with various schools acting as hosts. They assist in keeping alumni files up to date, from time to time present assembly programs, sport hops, etc. Their twenty-minute devotional assemblies during Holy Week have become almost traditional in the school.

Student Council

Now we come to the student governing body of West Reading High School. Our court room is the library, where the Student Council meets every Tuesday.

At their meetings they discuss the activities of our classes. The council is made up of the two representatives from each grade. They are under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Ann Lash, Mr. Arthur Himmelberger, and Mr. Richard Koch.

Student Council sells West Reading High School shirts and book covers. At our football games they are seen selling confetti, pennants, and booster badges.

President ..... Anthony Scalese
Vice President ..... John Alderman
Secretary ..... Carol Lavigna
Treasurer ..... Ann Voelker
Delegate-at-large ..... Elinor Kissinger

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): B. Wagoner, A. Scalese, C. Lavigna, A. Voelker, J. Alderman, E. Kissinger.

SECOND ROW—Mr. Arthur Himmelberger, *adviser;* Mrs. Mary Ann Lash, *adviser;* Mr. Richard Koch, *adviser;* W. Kline, J. Rossi, P. Miller, J. Walker.

THIRD ROW—L. Listrani, J. Rickenbach, C. Auman, H. Zechman, T. Hegarty.

Activities Committee

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): S. Behm, P. Albert, L. Hertz, G. DiGuardi, J. Rossi.
SECOND ROW—R. Clements, Mr. Homer Barthold, *adviser;* C. Wentworth, C. Aucan, J. Wentworth, B. Berkenstock, J. Bohn.

Assembly Committee

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): E. Trout, E. Kissinger, L. Reichart, B. Seidel, E. Achenbach.
SECOND ROW—K. Trout, D. Wells, D. Reber, P. Fox, N. Reigel.
THIRD ROW—S. Clewell, Miss Jeanne Cilley, *adviser;* T. Young, R. Geiss.

Hospitality Committee

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): S. Beyerle, J. Alderman, J. Hepler, J. Rickenbach.
SECOND ROW—S. Kreider, L. Wolf, Mrs. Reita Woodall, *adviser;* P. Shindle, C. Bohn.
THIRD ROW—J. Lavigna, G. Heiser, T. Campitelli, A. Chirico.

Health Committee

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): C. Yoder, C. Wolfe, C. Keller, B. Wagoner, E. Goodwin.
SECOND ROW—D. Goll, P. White, A. Ferraro, E. McQuaid, J. Kline.
THIRD ROW—J. Scheibner, J. Holtzman, Mrs. Sara Stanton, *adviser;* Miss Marjorie Henne, *advisor;* B. Betz, C. Hagenbuch.

Monitors

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): N. Reigel, B. Siegel, D. Lombardo, L. Listrani, G. Heiser, M. Marks, L. Eckber.

SECOND ROW—J. Minnich, C. Bansner, J. Cuifici, Mrs. Mary Gresh, *adviser;* Miss Mabel Fritz, *adviser;* S. Clemmer, S. Behm, C. Batdorf.

THIRD ROW—H. Zechman, K. Trout, P. Wilt, M. Wursch.

FOURTH ROW—D. Bryson, P. Shindle.

This important organization is on duty to direct us while walking through the halls. Even though we might get a bit angry when they tell us to "keep right", "no loitering", etc., we really know it is for our own good.

A large amount of credit should go out to the monitors and also their advisers, Mrs. Mary Gresh and Miss Mabel Fritz; they've done a terrific job.

OFFICERS

President ..... Gary Heiser
Vice President ..... Lewis Listrani
Secretary-Treasurer ..... David Lombardo
Chairman ..... Rudolf Haehnel

Athletic Association

One of the outstanding organizations of the school is the Athletic Association. Among their many jobs is taking care of the sale of football tickets at our home games. They also provide the money for the transportation of the players to the different games and paying the officials.

They do a very efficient job of taking care of our inter-scholastic track meets in the spring.

For a project and to raise money, they sponsor a Home Coming Dance during football season.

OFFICERS

President ..... Daniel Capozello
Vice President ..... Paul Albert
Secretary ..... Mary Marks
Treasurer ..... Mr. Evan H. Manwiller

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): M. Formacone, J. Damore, D. Capozello, M. Marks, P. Albert, J. Dracoules, J. Walker.

SECOND ROW—F. Shindle, R. Bellanca, A. DeCamillo, R. Kissinger, R. Clements, L. Philippine, J. Harris, A. Voelker.

THIRD ROW—Mr. Evan Manwiller, *adviser*; F. Mirenna, K. Dwyer, J. Rossi, D. Braun, R. Scalese.

FOURTH ROW—Mr. John Shaner, *adviser*; F. Cremer, P. Putnam, D. Brunner, D. Ellis, R. Fuicci, Miss Jeanne Cilley, *adviser*.

Vaquero

STANDING—(*left to right*): Mr. Roy Bilger, *adviser;* Mr. James Waldron, *art adviser.*
FIRST ROW—D. Bryson, P. Shindle, J. Cuifici, D. Wells, S. Clemmer, E. Gentile.
SECOND ROW—J. Feyl, C. Batdorf, J. Damore, L. Hertz, F. Mirenna, J. Harris, L. Eckber.
THIRD ROW—A. Witwer, J. Wells, R. Maley, N. Reigel, A. Chirico, P. Wilt.
FOURTH ROW—C. Keller, R. Clements, D. Lombardo, J. Rulapaugh.

The VAQUERO staff, whose job it is to record the year's happenings, has once again completed its task. Under the supervision of Mr. Roy Bilger, the staff worked hard and efficiently to produce a book that can be looked upon with pride for years to come.

Editor-in-Chief ..... Elaine Gentile
Literary Editor ..... Patricia Shindle
Art Editor ..... Shirley Clemmer
Circulation Manager ..... Dolores Bryson
Advertising Manager ..... Dolores Wells
Business Manager ..... Janice Cuifici
Head Typist ..... Frances Mirenna
Photographers ..... David Lombardo
Ronald Smith

Lariat

The Lariat is a monthly publication which supplies news of sports and other activities to the students of our school. Mrs. Helen Bolton and Mr. Kenneth Ness are the advisers.

This year the staff put many hours inside and outside of school in order to bring pleasure to others. Congratulations! We really appreciate it.

Editor-in-Chief ..... Amelia Potteiger
Assistant Editor ..... George Rankey
News Editor ..... Roger Miller
Feature Editor ..... Julia Dracoules
Girls' Sports Editor ..... Linda Hertz
Assistant ..... Carol Bansner
Boys' Sports Editor George Rankey
Assistant ..... Harry Zechman
Circulation Manager .... Joan Minnich
Advertising Manager .. Dolores Bryson
Head Typist ..... Janice Cuifici
Head Proofreader .... Shirley Clemmer
Assistant ..... Susanna Rissmiller
Photographer ..... David Remley
Secretary-Treasurer .. Rudolf Haehnel

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): L. Hertz, G. Rankey, A. Potteiger, Mr. Kenneth Ness, *adviser;* Mrs. Helen Bolton, *adviser;* R. Miller, J. Dracoules.

SECOND ROW—L. Eckber, C. Batdorf, D. Bryson, S. Clemmer, J. Minnich, M. Marks, F. Mirenna, B. Wagoner, C. Lavigna.

THIRD ROW—J. Cuifici, M. Wursch, A. Witwer, S. Behm, C. Bansner, P. Wilt, C. Muschko, S. Rissmiller, T. Heinz.

FOURTH ROW—J. Feyl, A. Naylor, C. Keller, R. Clements, D. Lombardo, J. Alderman, H. Zechman, D. Remley.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): H. Rulapaugh, J. Rossi, S. Kreider, J. Damore, Miss Dorothy Gantz, *adviser*; L. Eckber, J. Kline, D. Braun, S. Behn.

SECOND ROW—B. Seigel, A. Chirico, A. Voelker, C. Batdorf, J. Minnich, J. Cuifici, B. Wagoner, S. Clemmer.

THIRD ROW—K. Trout, C. Lavigna, S. Rissmiller, A. Potteiger, D. Bryson, A. Stewart, C. Muschko, C. Bansner, E. Gentile.

FOURTH ROW—C. Keller, R. White, J. Feyl, G. Rankey, P. Wilt, R. Miller, J. Dracoules, D. Goll.

MacDowell Chorus

Every Wednesday around noon time, if you're in the vicinity of room 102, you hear the lusty voices of MacDowell members preparing themselves for another of their varied performances. Throughout the year, these enthusiastic vocalists, under the capable leadership of Miss Dorothy Gantz, unite to provide entertainment for many.

At Christmas time "MacDowell", as it is commonly referred to, joined in the festivity by caroling through the halls, singing at the Christmas assemblies and adding a little bit of pleasure in the lives of all the ill at the Reading Hospital.

Of course, MacDowell presented their annual Spring Concert which rendered a series of songs most impressive to the listener.

Officers elected at the beginning of the term to perform the executive duties of the organization were as follows: President, Elaine Gentile; Secretary-Treasurer, Janice Cuifici; Librarians, Joyce Damore and Carol Lavigna.

The Girls' Ensemble was composed of the following voices: Barbara Siegel, Carol Muschko, Carol Lavigna, Christine Batdorf, Joan Minnich, Amelia Potteiger, and Elaine Gentile. The following comprised the male voices: George Brown, George Rankey, Roger Miller, Henry Rulapaugh, and Rudolf Haehnel. Letty Eckber served as accompanist.

GIRLS' ENSEMBLE

BOYS' QUINTET

Junior Chorus

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): A. DeCamillo, J. Moore, J. Savage, J. Weidenheimer, W. Manning, R. Gilbert, C. Bohn, J. Weidman.

SECOND ROW—L. Bordic, J. Massler, M. Alderman, R. Hettinger, R. Kissinger, B. Strauss, C. Bohn, B. Betz, P. Weiss, F. Ettinger, R. Bellanca, Miss Dorothy Gantz, *adviser*.

Seventh Grade Boys' Choir

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): STANDING—Miss Dorothy Gantz, *Director*; J. Spannuth, L. Weiss, T. Hiest, W. Savage, L. Bard.

SECOND ROW—D. Gotshall, R. Ginwich, D. Reber, D. Raye, C. Poole, E. Goodwin.

THIRD ROW—A. Hall, J. Fisher, J. Naugle, H. Hass, D. Oswald.

Band

KNEELING—(*left to right*): S. Kreider, J. Minnich, L. Hertz.

FIRST ROW—J. Rogers, W. Holdeman, T. Bowers, R. Hill, R. Garner, D. Lackwood, J. Alderman, C. Yoder, F. Cremer.

SECOND ROW—P. Hehn, E. Berk, D. Brunner, H. Rulapaugh, R. Wagoner, R. Zechman, P. Shestok, R. Miller, W. Poole, C. Rulapaugh, L. Weiss.

THIRD ROW—V. Spang, D. Capozello, J. Cremer, C. Poole, M. Wertz, M. Cochran, C. Bansner, J. Feyl, E. Heinz, D. Stenner, R. Bubp, H. Ross, D. Noll, P. Albert.

FOURTH ROW—L. Achenbach, E. Jones, L. Stamm, J. Kapelski, R. Fuicci, R. Wheeler, G. Rankey, C. Strauss, W. Stewart, R. Krick, P. Trebosh, H. Wolf, R. Geiss.

FIFTH ROW—Mr. Homer Barthold, *adviser*; J. Rossi, M. Alderman, N. Wanner, I. Muschko, C. Bohn, D. Brossman, A. Ferraro, D. McQuaid, J. Fantilli.

Every Thursday with the ringing of the third period bell, these anxious musicians hurry to get their instruments and proceed in a rushing manner to the auditorium. Here they practice industriously under the excellent leadership of Mr. Homer Barthold. The group combines their mutual interest in the field of music and drills each Monday down at the playground, weather permitting.

The cheering section at the football games wouldn't be complete without the band. We, as students, realize how important it is to be enthusiastic in yelling those happy cheers and songs. This faithful band always proves its worth by encouraging our lost spirit and making us come back fighting.

The band participated in many other special occasions this year. They played for the Fire Company in the housing of the new Legion and for some of the assemblies.

Each year several of the most prominent of these talented musicians are selected to attend the All-County Band. Those who were chosen are as follows: Carol Bansner, Leroy Achenbach, Charles Poole, Donald Noll, and Eric Heinz.

Officers of the organization for this year are: President, James Rogers; Vice President, George Brown; Librarian, Edmund Berk.

Orchestra

The full instrumental ensemble, pictured below, under the qualified supervision of Mr. Homer Barthold, have completed another successful year.

These skillful teenagers perform throughout the season for assemblies, junior and senior class plays, Class Night, Commencement, and P. T. A. programs. They also are called out for community affairs and other special events and always, willingly, do their share of the entertaining.

Terry Seidel and Claude Yoder were the agents from our school in the All-County Orchestra in December at Kutztown.

The wide-spread popularity of our dance band is familiar to every student. This fine collection of players can be heard at some of the school dances.

OFFICERS

President ..... Edmund Berk
Vice President ..... George Brown
Librarian ..... James Rogers

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): A. Cherico, F. Cremer, J. Rogers, R. Garner, C. Yoder, A. Hoefer.
SECOND ROW—E. Heinz, J. Cremer, C. Poole, J. Feyl, M. Cochran, C. Bansner, V. Spang.
THIRD ROW—P. Hehn, E. Berk, D. Brunner, H. Rulapaugh, R. Miller, Mr. Barthold, *adviser*.
FOURTH ROW—L. Achenbach, R. Fuicci, L. Stamm, C. Strause, G. Rankey.

Library Club

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Rea, M. Berkenstock, R. Bellanca, J. Savage, J. Weidenheimer, E. Struble, L. Fox, R. Hettinger, B. Betz, J. Harris, Mrs. Mary Ann Lash, *adviser.*

SECOND ROW—C. Dengler, J. Kapelski, M. Alderman, J. Rossi, C. Bohn, J. Haas, C. Bohn, L. Schlottman, J. DeGargi, V. Eddinger, S. Hill, R. Baer, J. Schaeffer.

THIRD ROW—A. Hoefer, M. Dunkelberger, B. Seigle, J. Kline, J. Rossi, J. Schmale, K. Waldron, A. Dundore, S. Kreider, M. White, A. Thoma, D. Braun.

FOURTH ROW—C. Hagenbuch, C. Wentworth, S. Manning, S. Clewell, J. Hill, M. Wanner, J. Bowers, S. Beyerle, J. Hepler, P. Miller, S. Gentile, R. Crocona, M. Wanner.

FIFTH ROW—S. Poetter, F. Shindle, M. Wursch, E. Kissinger, J. Holtzman, L. Potteiger, A. Witwer, R. Maley, N. Wanner, S. Kissinger, E. Achenbach, E. Achenbach.

SIXTH ROW—L. Romig, J. Wells, W. Kline, J. Rogers, R. Clements, S. Noll, N. Reigel, M. Lechleitner, J. Vanino, E. Goodwin.

The Library Club is one of the busiest organizations in the school. Mending books, checking out books, filing cards, and fixing clever displays are some of the well-organized services of the club.

This group also has many social events such as cake sales and covered dish luncheons which are held in the library. The group also participated in a library conference in Boyertown and acquired many ideas for making the club better.

It can easily be said that this group is one of the outstanding ones in the school. It is under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Ann Lash.

Banking Club

The Banking Club is composed of senior high students of the commercial department. The members meet during activity periods Monday through Thursday and take care of the operation of the school bank.

The club is supervised by Mr. Samuel Naylor, treasurer of the school bank, and director of the bookkeeping records and funds of all school organizations. The members perform many services such as writing checks, taking deposits, and keeping the records organized.

The services of this club have helped to provide us with the efficient and time-saving banking service that we have for all our school organizations.

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): C. Wolf, D. Brown, E. Achenbach, F. Mirenna.
SECOND ROW—A. Naylor, J. Harris, Mr. Samuel Naylor, *adviser*; B. Wagoner.

Safety Patrol

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): J. Baer, E. Mushko, J. Hetherington, R. Wolfe, E. Auman, C. Maslar, J. Mengel, L. Fisher, D. Brossman, L. Gehret, T. Hertz, J. Bilger.

SECOND ROW—R. Orth, H. Ross, W. Wertz, T. Browers, J. Bailey, E. Summons, R. Zechman, B. Fickett, P. Shestok, S. Ferraro, R. Hinsey, E. Jones.

The Safety Patrol, under the new supervision of Mr. Sigurd Sundberg, has done a fine job of directing the children to and from school in all kinds of weather.

The captain, Alyse Auman, and Lieutenant Robert Zechman, as well as all the other members, have helped Mr. Sundberg with his first year as head of the organization.

All School Play

LEFT TO RIGHT—Judith Hepler, Carol Lavigna, Frances Mirenna, Amelia Potteiger, Julie Dracoules.

NINE GIRLS

Junior-Senior Class Play

MEET CORLISS ARCHER

LEFT TO RIGHT—Frances Mirenna, John Alderman, Elaine Gentile, Amelia Potteiger.

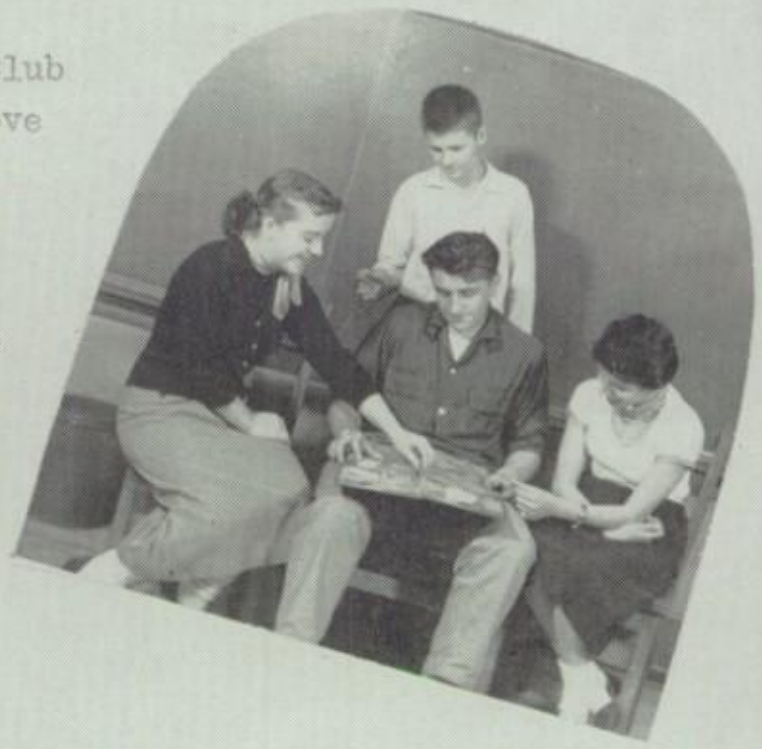
Frances Mirenna and John Alderman.

ACTIVITY

Junior Red Cross
We're really proud of these kids

Junior Camera Club
Watch the birdie!

Games Club
Your move



Publicity Committee
Hello,
W.R.H.S. calling

Lariat Cubs

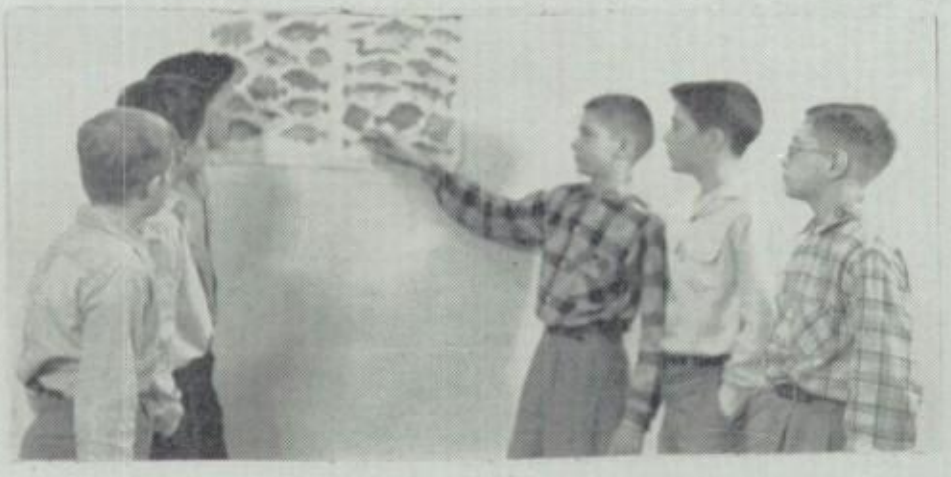
They're waiting to take over

Senior Science
Show 'em how, Kenny

Leadership Club
Alley-oop!

SNAPS

Junior Sportsmen



Fishermen at heart

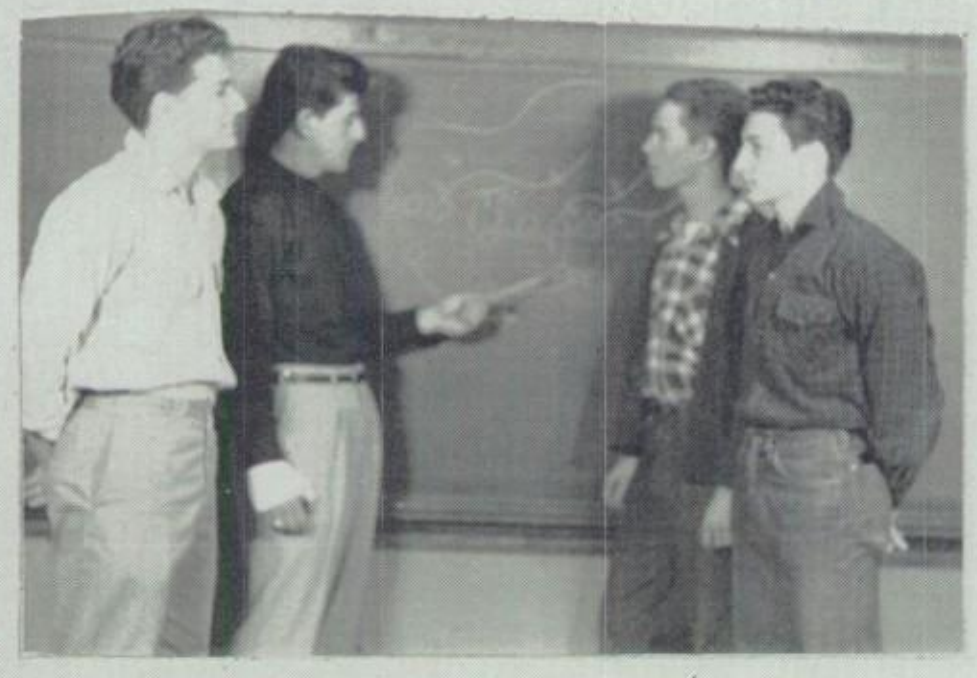
Senior Dramatics

Remember
the
Thespian
Play?

Record Club
Let's jive it up!

Junior Dramatics
What a Romeo!

Dance Band
Music Maestro!



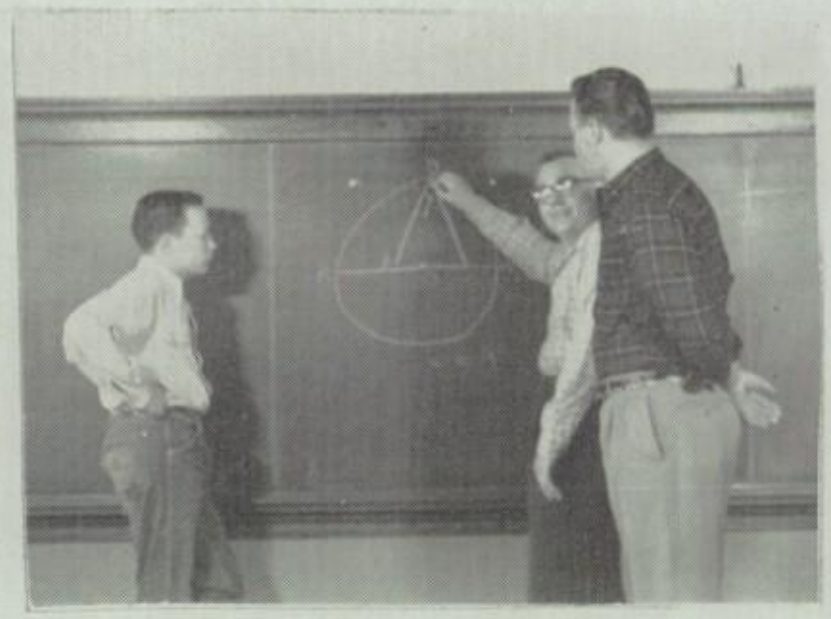
Senior Math

You tell 'em,
Cap!

Stage Craft
Shine it up!

ACTIVITY

DRIVER TRAINING
What's under that hood?



SENIOR MATH
What's that, Albert?

SENIOR ART
Nice going, kids

TWIRLERS
Foreward, march!

PUPPETS
Let's see some action

MAD MIXERS
What's cooking?

DEBATING
Our future senators

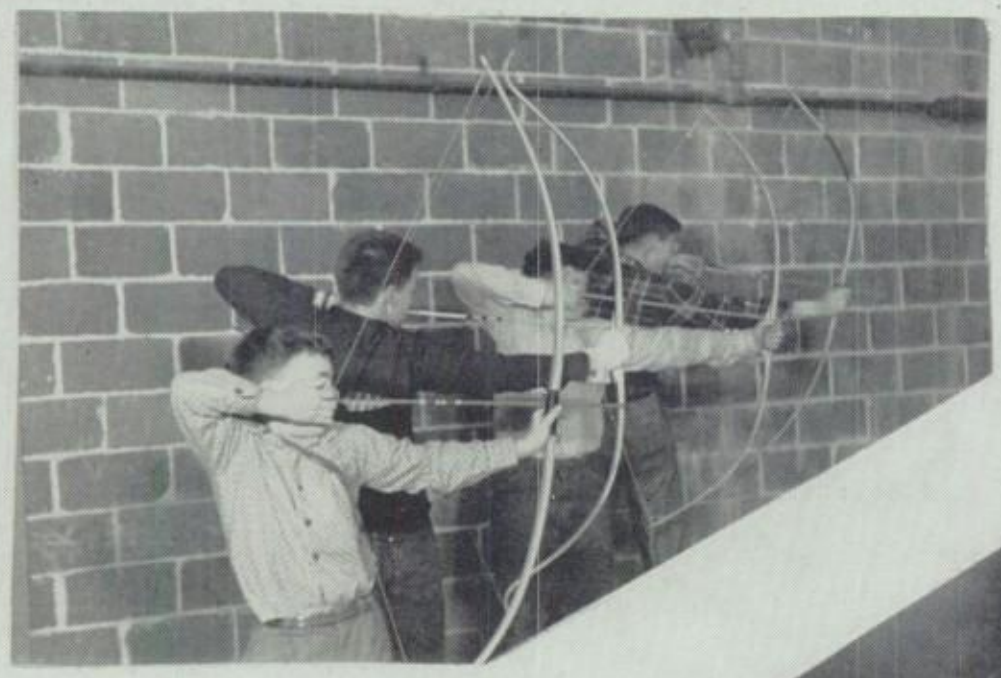
SNAPS

Advanced Camera Club
Shutterbugs of tomorrow

Costume Club
Future seamstresses

Junior Chef Club

Ummmm, food!



Archery Club
Hit that target, boys

Model Club
Who knows, these boys may be
famous auto designers
someday

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THE TEMPEST

Sports has always been a predominate feature at West Reading High School. Our school, small but mighty, has always had a top-notch sports program — one we can be proud of.

Football

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): F. Morin, B. McCarthy, R. Cardinal, P. Albert, T. Scalese, D. Capozello, *co-captains;* J. Marks, J. Rogers, B. Kline.

SECOND ROW—J. Karper, L. Achenbach, F. Cremer, G. Bowers, P. Hehn, D. Remley, T. Heinz, B. Berger, L. Listrani.

THIRD ROW—Coach Linn, T. Campatelli, J. Parsons, T. Young, D. Ellis, M. Remley, D. Williams, M. Cochran, T. Hegarty, Coach Koch.

FOURTH ROW—D. Brunner, G. Krow, J. Cremer, B. Munroe.

D. CAPOZELLO — CO-CAPTAINS — T. SCALESE

Football

The prediction of almost everyone during pre-season training was definitely that this year's squad could not equal the record breaking champs of the previous year. However, the boys came through splendidly, and almost equalled the record of our championship team, with a record of four wins and three defeats. Altogether the boys compiled a total of 227 points against their opponents 118.

One of the most thrilling battles occurred in the Cressona game when the Cowboys displayed team spirit and came from behind to defeat the Cressonaites by a score of 18 to 13. A series of penalties set the Cowboys back deep in their own territory during this game, but John Marks, a junior halfback on the team, raced the ball to paydirt for the Cowmen.

Danny Capozello, the Cowboys' leading scorer, and also the leading county scorer, ended the season with 19 touchdowns and 117 points.

SCHEDULE INCLUDED

W. R. 25	Wilson 0	W. R. 51	Cocalico Un. 12
W. R. 20	Manheim 0	W. R. 12	Gov. Mifflin 26
W. R. 18	Cressona 13	W. R. 7	Wyomissing 13
W. R. 6	Boyertown 29		

STARTING LINEUP

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): F. Cremer, R. Cardinal, F. Morin, P. Hehn, W. Kline, J. Rogers, A. Scalese.

SECOND ROW—P. Albert, J. Marks, R. McCarthy, D. Capozello.

Varsity Basketball

This year's varsity was inexperienced with only three seniors on the squad. In many of the games we outplayed our opponents only to have the breaks fall to the other team. Consequently, the Cowboys went down to defeat in the league competition with one exception—Wyomissing.

The highlight of the season came in a non-league game with North Coventry. The game was a nip and tuck all the way except in the final minutes of the last quarter, when West Reading pulled ahead to win 62-51.

High scorer for the season was Frank DeCarlo with 303 points. He placed fourth in the league standings.

THE SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

	W.	*Rdg.*	*Opp.*
Morgantown		47	31
Exeter		68	43
Wilson		36	37
Womelsdorf		51	61
Wyomissing		36	45
Birdsboro		71	80
North Coventry		62	51
Hamburg		46	51
Muhlenberg		57	90

	W.	*Rdg.*	*Opp.*
Kutztown		50	84
Mt. Penn		56	59
Gov. Mifflin		55	57
Wyomissing		37	32
Hamburg		48	66
Birdsboro		55	64
Boyertown		55	65
Wilson		63	74

The following boys made up the varsity team:—

Frank DeCarlo
Tony Scalese
Gary Heiser
William Kline
Paul Albert
Frank Cremer
Bruce Seidel

Number of points:

DeCarlo	302
Cremer	147
Albert	126
Seidel	121
Heiser	102

Junior Varsity Basketball

This year the Junior varsity team finished the season with the best record ever set by a W.R.H.S. J.V. team. The Junior Cowmen finished first in section two of the Central Division.

Under the superb coaching of Mr. Arthur Himmelberger, the team displayed much spirit and showed a lot of enthusiasm to win, which is proved by the outstanding job they did.

The school, as well as the community, were very proud of the achievements and honors bestowed upon the team. We hope to see great things of these players in their future basketball careers.

High scorer for the year was Don Ellis with 221 points, followed by Bob McCarthy with 193 points.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

Womelsdorf	36	W. R.	43	Kutztown	46	W. R.	58
Morgantown	38	W. R.	21	Mt. Penn	45	W. R.	45
Exeter	18	W. R.	67	Mifflin	52	W. R.	40
Wilson	22	W. R.	29	Wyomissing	34	W. R.	36
Womelsdorf	38	W. R.	46	Hamburg	41	W. R.	40
Wyomissing	32	W. R.	38	Birdsboro	42	W. R.	57
Birdsboro	16	W. R.	50	Boyertown	36	W. R.	49
North Cov.	32	W. R.	39	Wilson	36	W. R.	50
Hamburg	37	W. R.	58	Womelsdorf	41	W. R.	43
Muhlenberg	54	W. R.	59				

Junior High Basketball

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Krow, J. Bohn, P. Troutman, J. Cremer, D. Gilgert, M. Formaconi, R. Scalese.

SECOND ROW—R. Geiss, M. Wentworth, Mr. John Shaner, *coach;* T. Seidel, J. Huesman, E. Goodwin.

THIRD ROW—C. Yoder, T. Hegarty, R. Krick, H. Haas, T. Young, D. Brunner.

The Junior High League was organized to include Governor Mifflin, Wilson, Morgantown, and West Reading. Due to the housing of seventh and eighth graders in Morgantown, and ninth graders in Shillington, the Governor Mifflin entry was dropped from the league. The junior high team played Exeter in an exhibition game prior to league opening.

The team won two and lost three games, scoring 161 points against the opponents 127.

THE SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

W. R. 29	Exeter 38	W. R. 44	Morgantown 16
W. R. 38	Morgantown 16	W. R. 21	Wilson 24
W. R. 19	Wilson 33		

Swimming

Our swimming team added another successful season to the many accumulated in previous campaigns. Mr. John Shalter led the boys to an undefeated season in league ranks. They matched their skills against the larger schools of Hershey, Lancaster, and Reading, only to go down to defeat.

THE SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

Muhlenberg	29	W. R.	37	Mifflin	30	W. R.	36
Muhlenberg	29	W. R.	36	Hershey	41	W. R.	25
Wilson	25	W. R.	41	Lancaster	37	W. R.	29
Wilson	25	W. R.	41	Lancaster	35	W. R.	31
Mt. Penn	19	W. R.	45	Reading	48½	W. R.	17½
Mt. Penn	10	W. R.	56	Reading	46	W. R.	20
Mifflin	31	W. R.	31				

SEATED—(*left to right*): N. Shestok, K. Hiester, W. Feick, L. Eppenstein, T. Treese.
STANDING—R. Reinert, R. McCarthy, J. Karper, J. Marks, W. Munroe, J. Shalter, *coach*.

Girls' Basketball

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): L. Romig, J. Hepler, E. Gentile, E. Kissinger, A. Witwer.
SECOND ROW—J. Feyl, V. Spang, J. Holtzman, L. Potteiger, A. Chirico, D. Bohn, S. Behm.
THIRD ROW—M. Marks, C. Batdorf, A. Voelker, L. Hertz, Miss Cilley, *coach;* A. Potteiger, D. Bryson, J. Cuifici, C. Bansner, P. Shindle.

The West Reading Cowgirls, under the coaching of Miss Jeanne Cilley, completed a very successful season and finished second place in league competition with a record of 8 wins and only 2 losses.

Joyce Damore, our dependable senior, "racked up" 163 points in ten games. Ann Voelker was runner-up with 145 credits, and was followed by Linda Hertz with 99 points. Christine Batdorf came in fourth with 38 credits. Our opponents scored only 387 points compared to 449 totaled by the Cowgirls. Our opponents' scores were kept comparatively low by the team's capable guards.

The highlight of the season was the last game with Wilson, where the Cowgirls were losing at half-time by a score of 18 to 15. They entered the second half with renewed spirit and played hard to win the game by 52 to 40.

The starting line-up included the following girls: Joyce Damore, Ann Voelker and Linda Hertz serving as forwards; and Janice Cuifici, Amelia Potteiger (captain) and Dolores Bryson serving as the defense.

The lassies are looking forward to another successful season next year and are hoping to come out on top. With the ability the Cowgirls have shown this past season, we are sure they can do it.

SCHEDULE

W. R. 46	Muhlenberg 44	W. R. 32	Mt. Penn 49
W. R. 56	Wilson 51	W. R. 40	Gov. Mifflin 38
W. R. 38	Mt. Penn 48	W. R. 56	Exeter 38
W. R. 33	Muhlenberg 23	W. R. 56	Gov. Mifflin 38
W. R. 40	Exeter 27	W. R. 52	Wilson 40

Hockey

In the center of the stage we see the girls' hockey team. This year the record was two losses, one tie, and one win. The second game of the season, which was played on the home field, was with Governor Mifflin. This was one of the most exciting games of the season. We were the only school to score against Governor Mifflin. They left our field with a tied score, 2-2.

The starting line-up consisted of:

R. I. Linda Hertz
L. I. Joyce Damore
C. Ann Voelker
L. W. Dorsey Bryson
R. W. Judy Hepler
C.H. B. Janice Cuifici
R.H. B. Christine Batdorf
L.H. B. Amelia Potteiger
F. B. Carol Bansner
F. B. Carol Bohn
G. Amelia Potteiger

THE SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

Exeter	3	W.	R. 1	Muhlenberg	0	W.	R. 5
Gov. Mifflin	0	W.	R. 2	Wilson	1	W.	R. 0

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): D. Bohn, M. Marks, J. Hepler, A. Voelker, L. Hertz, J. Damore, J. Cuifici, D. Bryson, A. Potteiger, C. Bansner, C. Batdorf.

SECOND ROW—M. Wursch, J. Holtzman, L. Potteiger, S. Gentile, R. Crocona.

THIRD ROW—S. Beyerle, *manager;* S. Clewell, F. Mirenna, Miss J. Cilley, *coach;* R. Hettinger, J. Feyl, *manager.*

Baseball

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Rankey, D. Ellis, T. Campitelli, L. Listrani, R. McCarthy.

SECOND ROW—R. Geiss, A. Scalese, G. Heiser, F. Cremer, R. Cartwright, R. Berger, D. Brunner.

THIRD ROW—D. McAlees, R. Knouse, E. Kohl, Mr. Ray Linn, *coach;* T. Gabriel, D. Ciervo, G. Bordic.

The baseball team last year ended the season with a record of five wins and six defeats.

Due to the fact that our school is not large enough to have sufficient participation in both track and baseball, the coaches decided to concentrate on only track and eliminate baseball.

SCHEDULE FOR 1954

W. R. 13	Sink. Spg. 9	W. R. 1	Gov. Mifflin 3
W. R. 0	Gov. Mifflin 8	W. R. 4	Wilson 12
W. R. 0	Wilson 11	W. R. 9	Wyomissing 1
W. R. 10	Wyomissing 8	W. R. 7	Mount Penn 2
W. R. 2	Mount Penn 5	W. R. 1	Muhlenberg 13
W. R. 6	Muhlenberg 4		

Track

The track squad of '54 was the smallest in many years, which made it very hard to arrange schedules to include dual and triangular meets. Because of the small squad, emphasis was put on specific events instead of team competition.

THE BOYS PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING MEETS:

Albright
Venske Relays
Lebanon Relays
West Reading Interscholastics
District 3 Meet at Lancaster

FIRST ROW—(*left to right*): G. Krow, J. Huesman, J. Walker.
SECOND ROW—G. Heiser, A. Scalese, D. Williams, D. Capozello, J. Marks.
THIRD ROW—R. Knouse, R. Hafer, A. Chirico, R. McCarthy, T. Gabriel.

Varsity Cheerleaders

LEFT TO RIGHT—Ann Voelker, Elaine Gentile, Dolores Bryson, Janice Cuifici, Joanne Harris.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

LEFT TO RIGHT—Annette DeCamillo, Christine Batdorf, Diane McQuaid, Lynne Potteiger, Audrey Witwer, Elinor Kissinger.

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